



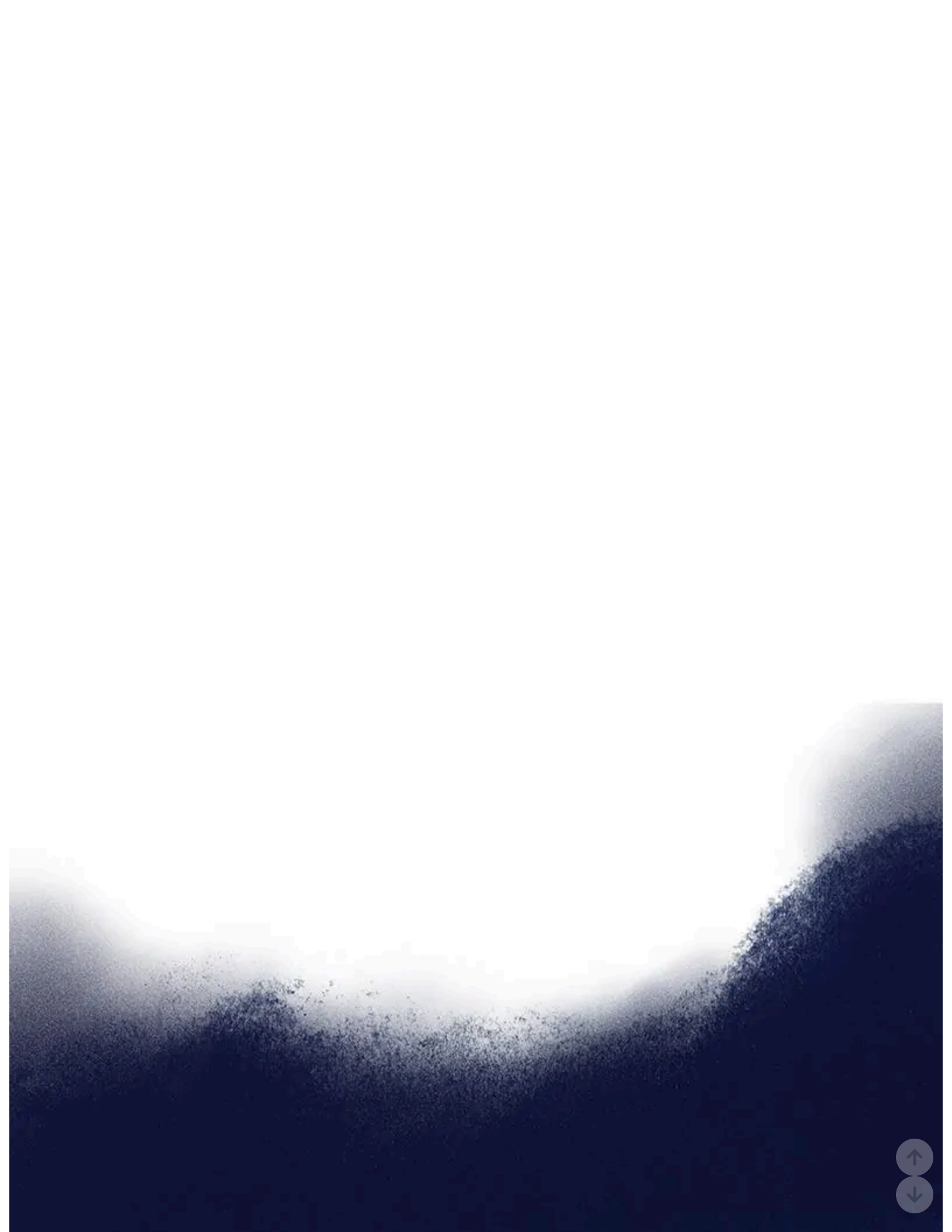


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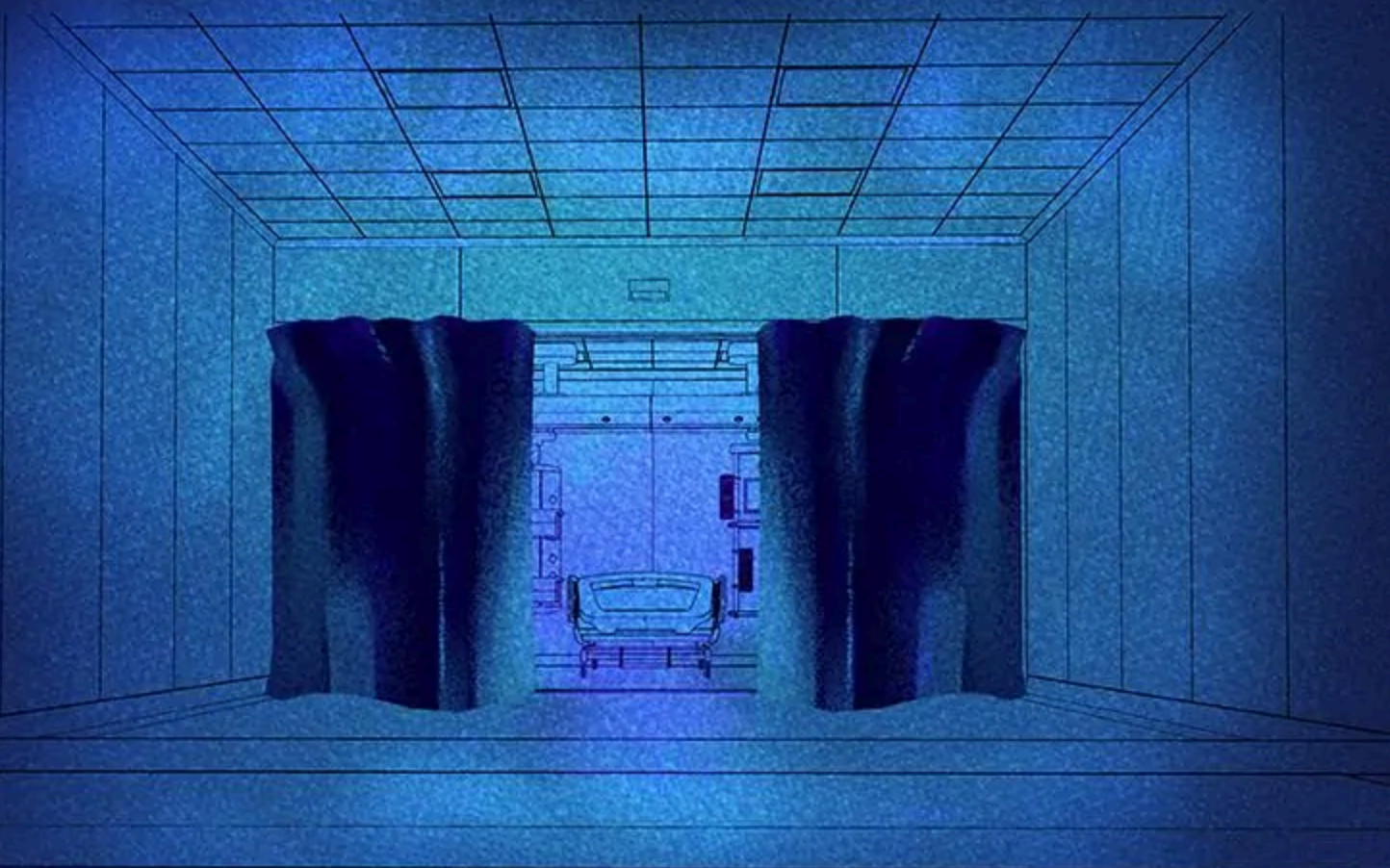
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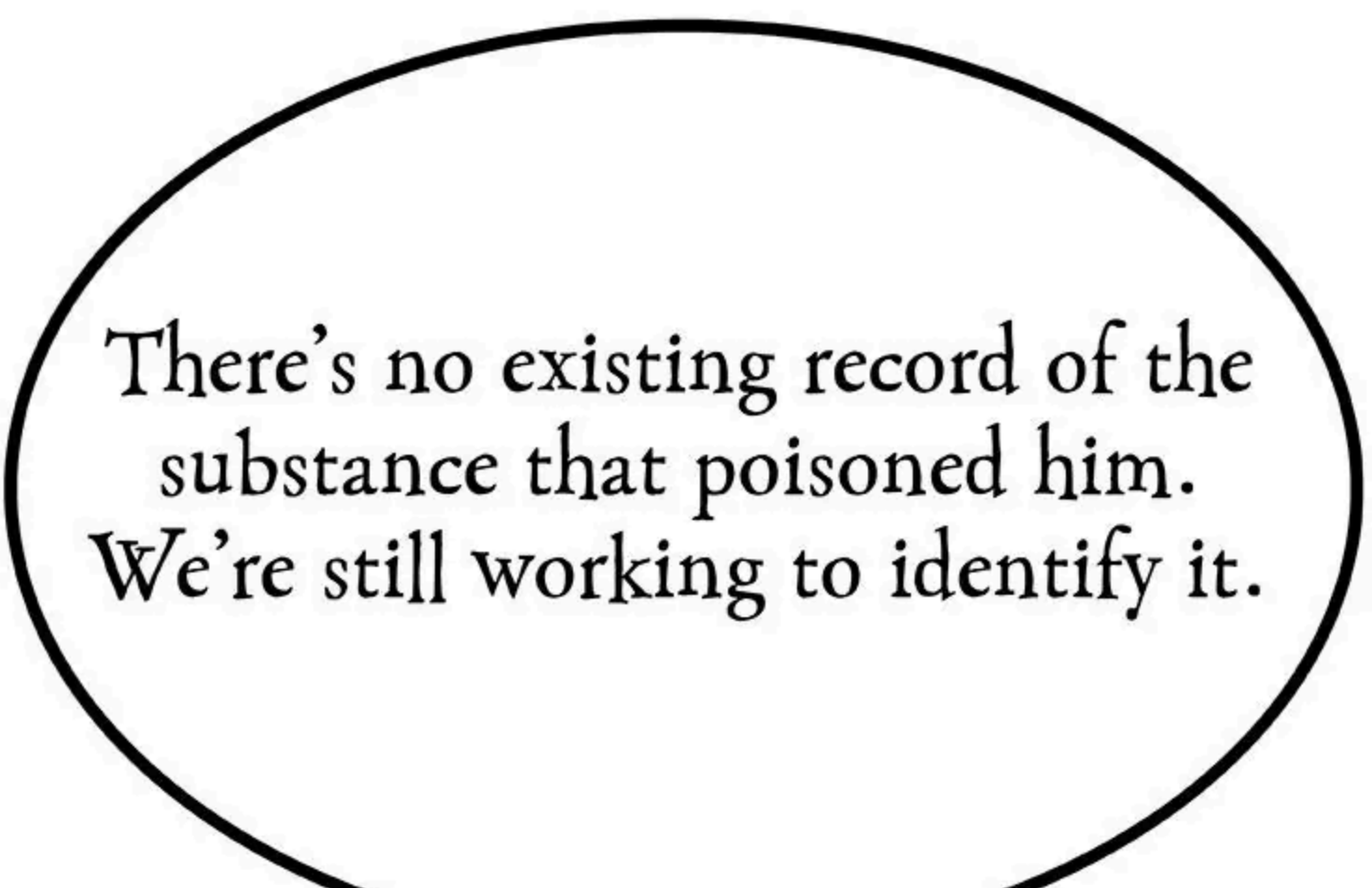
How is
he doing?



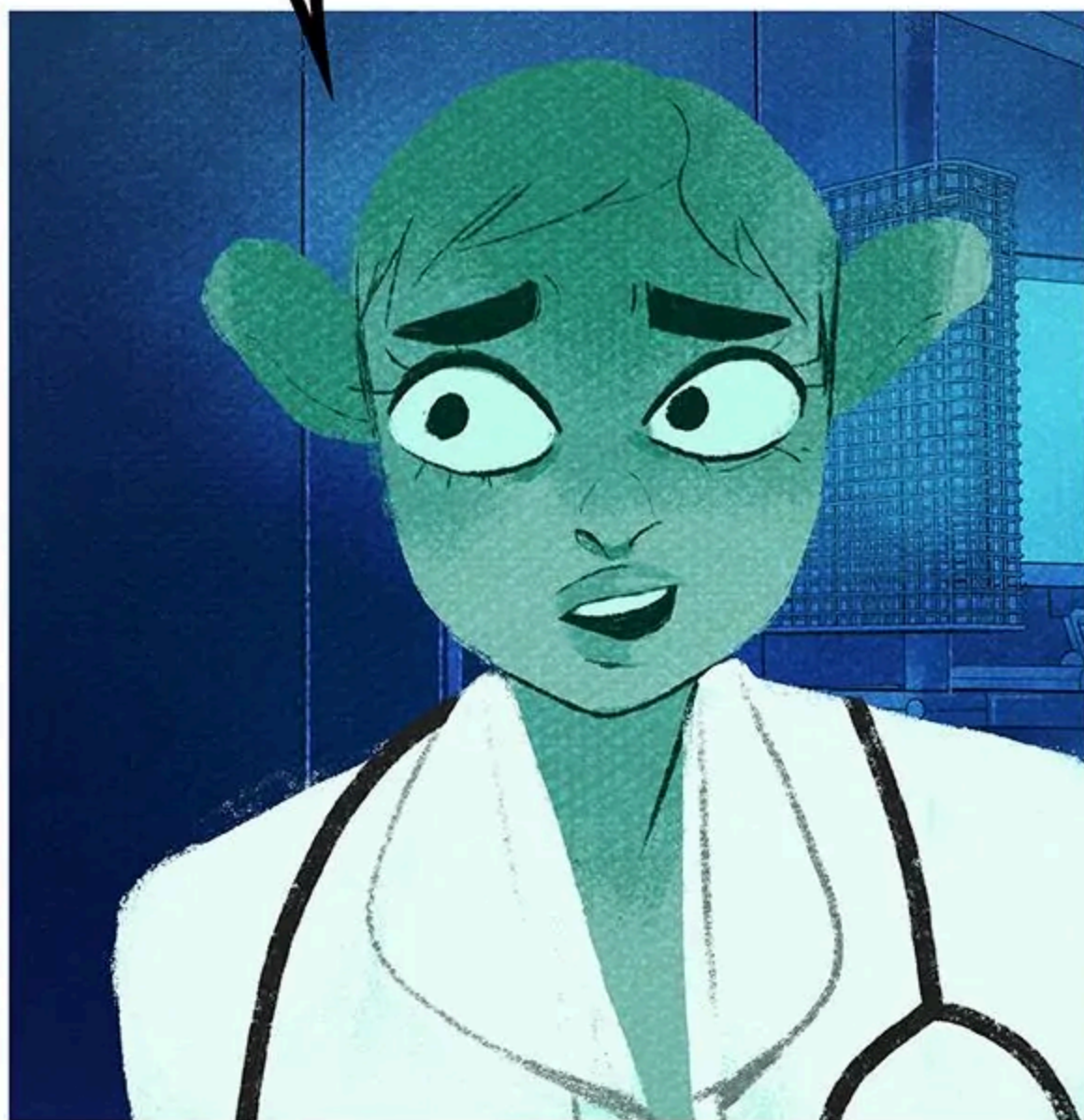
It's hard to say, but he hasn't
gone into hibernation, and



gone into hibernation, and
all his organs seem to be
working as they should.



There's no existing record of the
substance that poisoned him.
We're still working to identify it.



It's strange seeing Zeus
like this. I'm so used to
him coming out on top.





We'll call you
if anything
changes.



How are
you feeling?





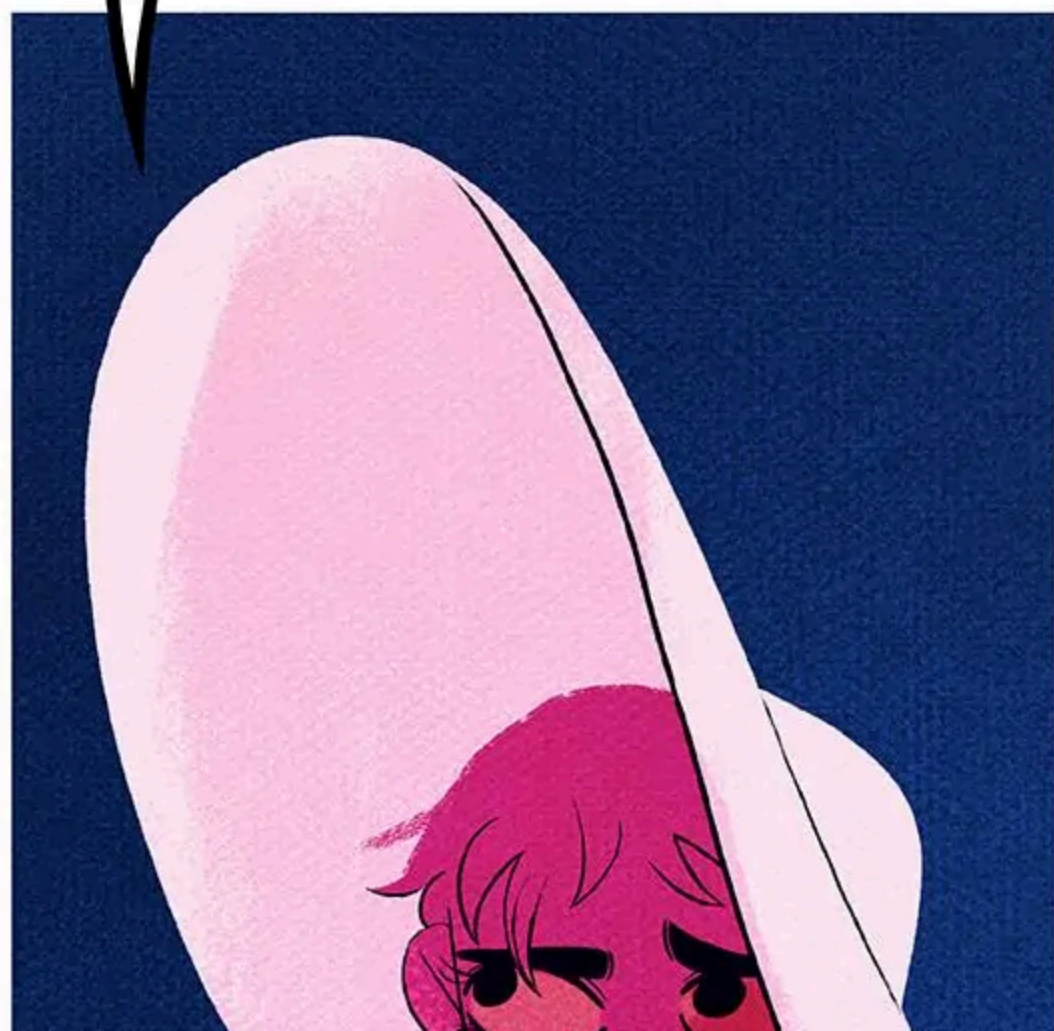
He's a lot of things,
but he's also my little
brother.

And I find it hard
to believe that Hebe
would be behind
this.





The timing
seems too convenient,
if you know what
I mean.





Yeah, this
whole thing



stinks, to be
honest.



Speaking of, I
better head over to
that meeting.

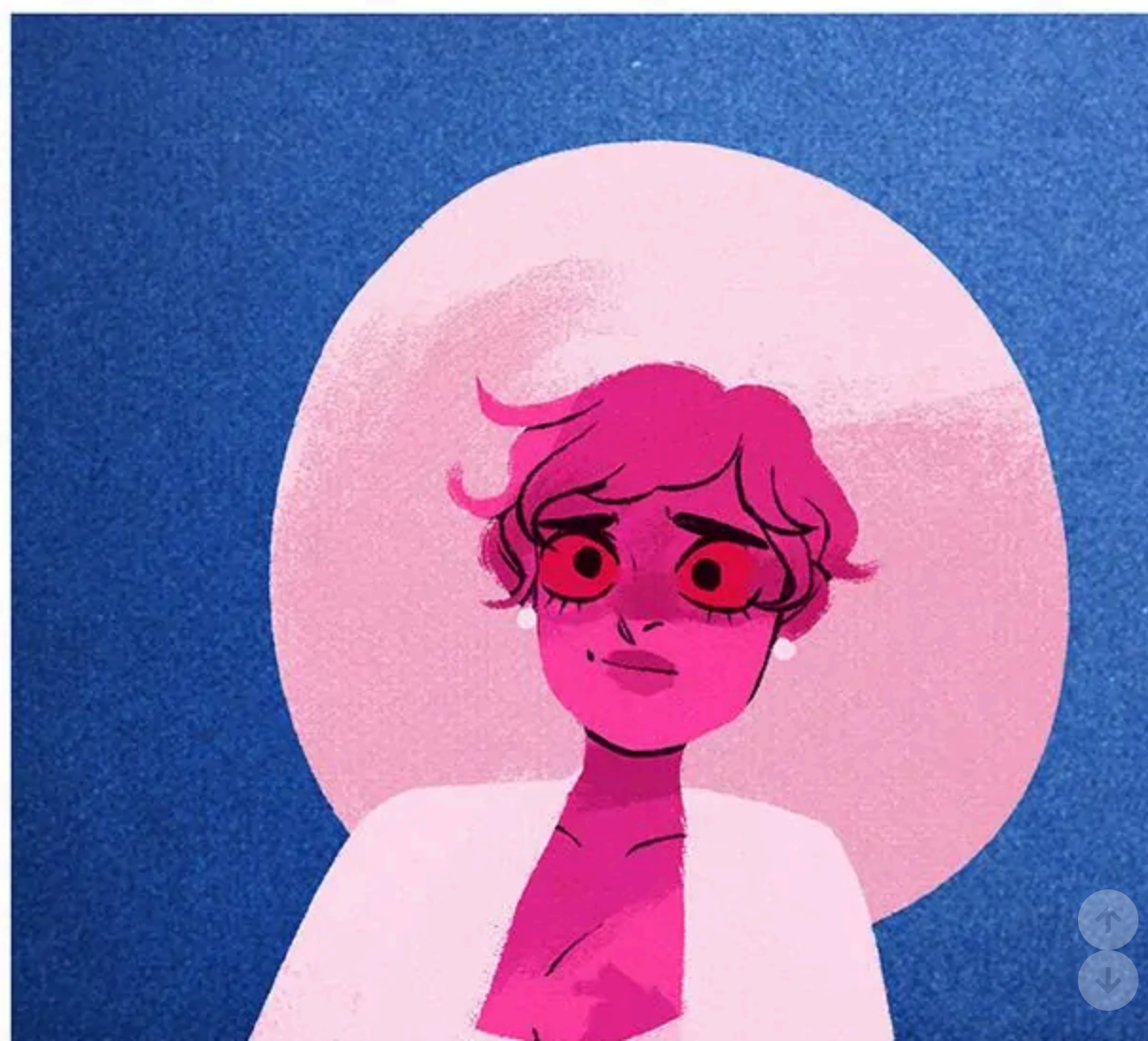




Right, and I'll head back
to check on the influx of

dead and help Hecate
with her research.







Hey, I know you're
discouraged about
not going to the
meeting.



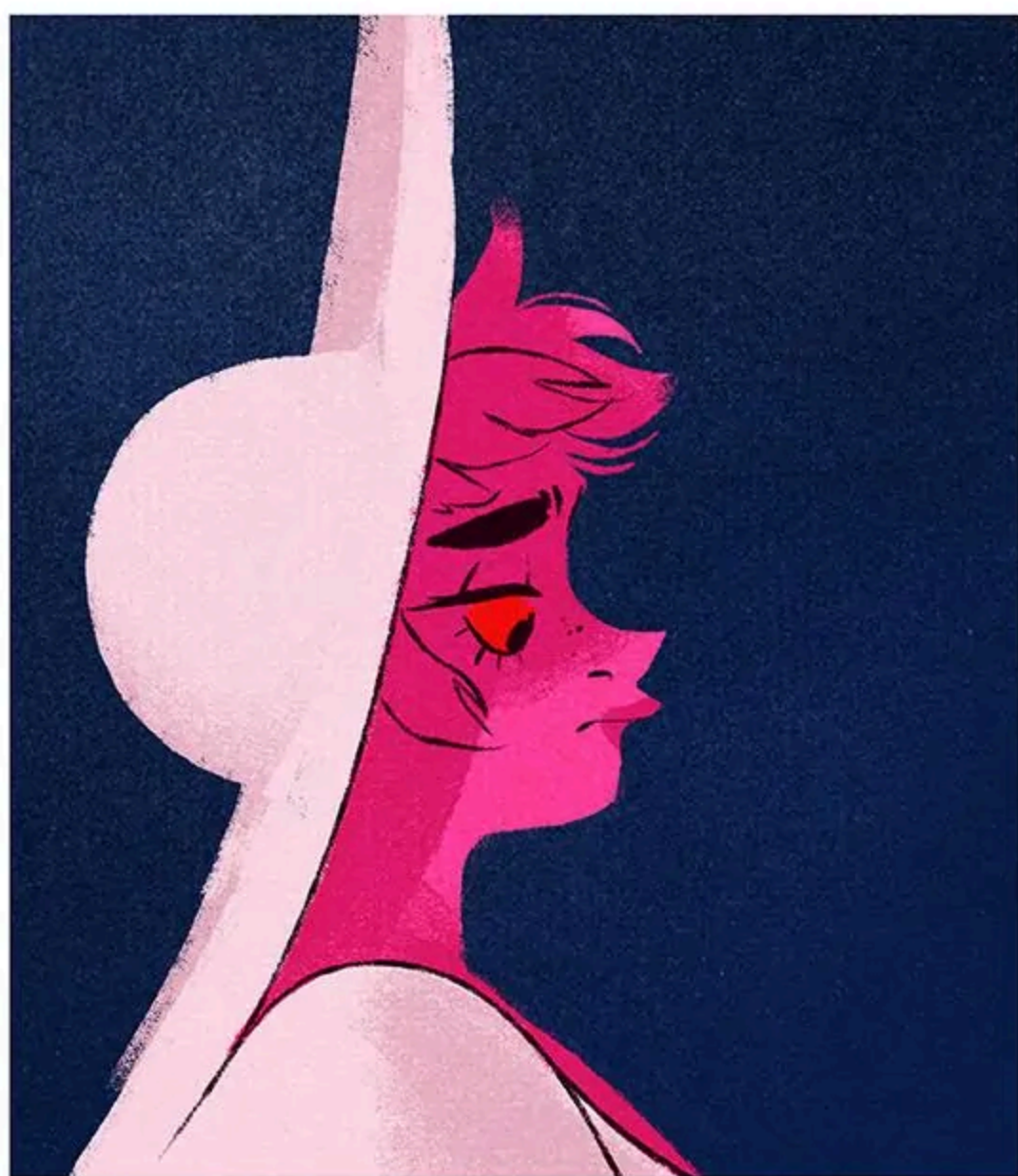
I'm okay.

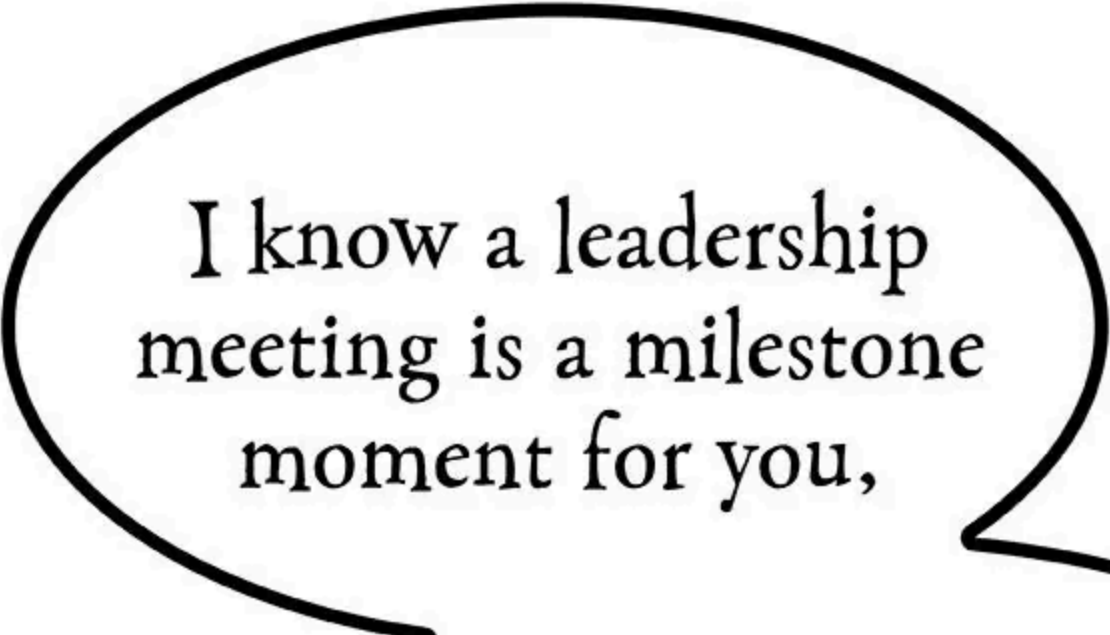
The last three days
have been really
shitty for you.



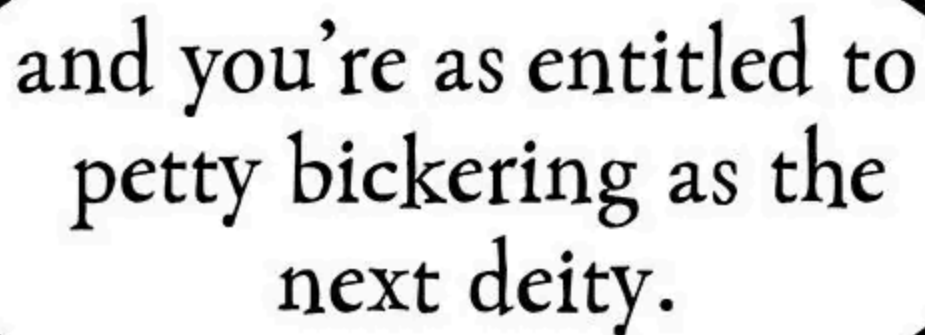


Trust me, I was there.





I know a leadership
meeting is a milestone
moment for you,

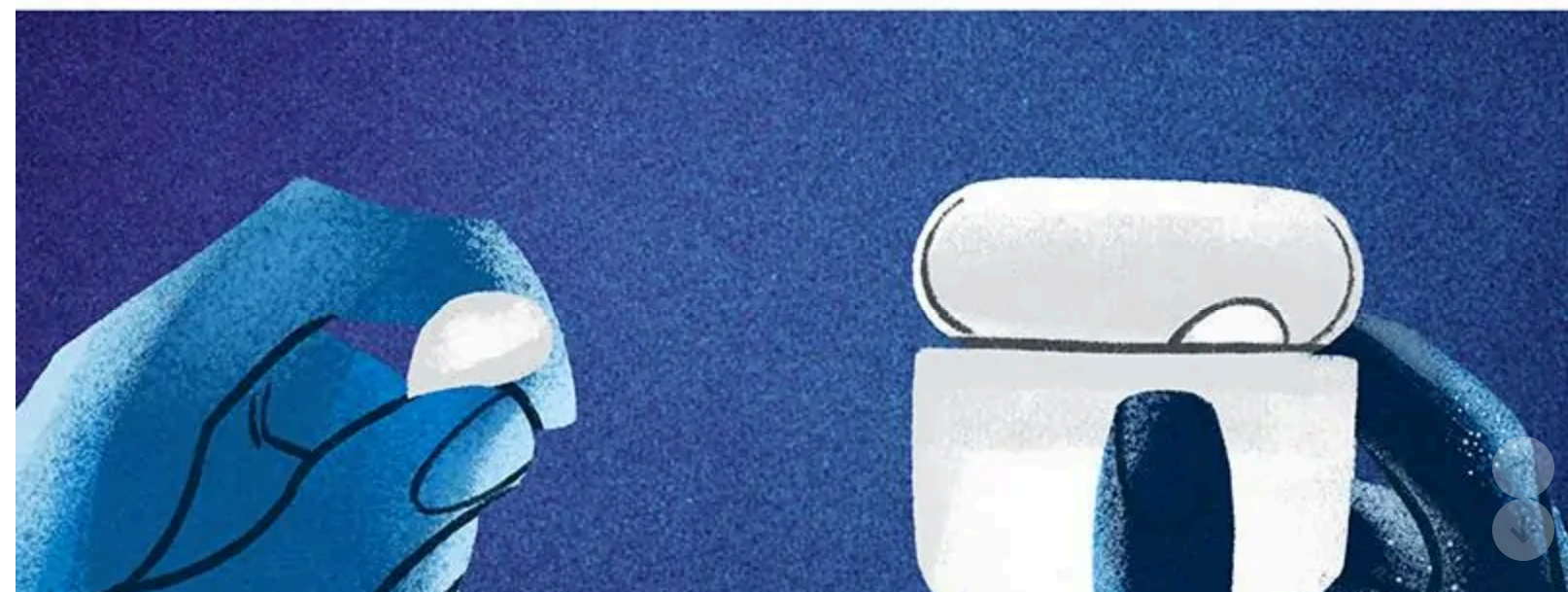


and you're as entitled to
petty bickering as the
next deity.

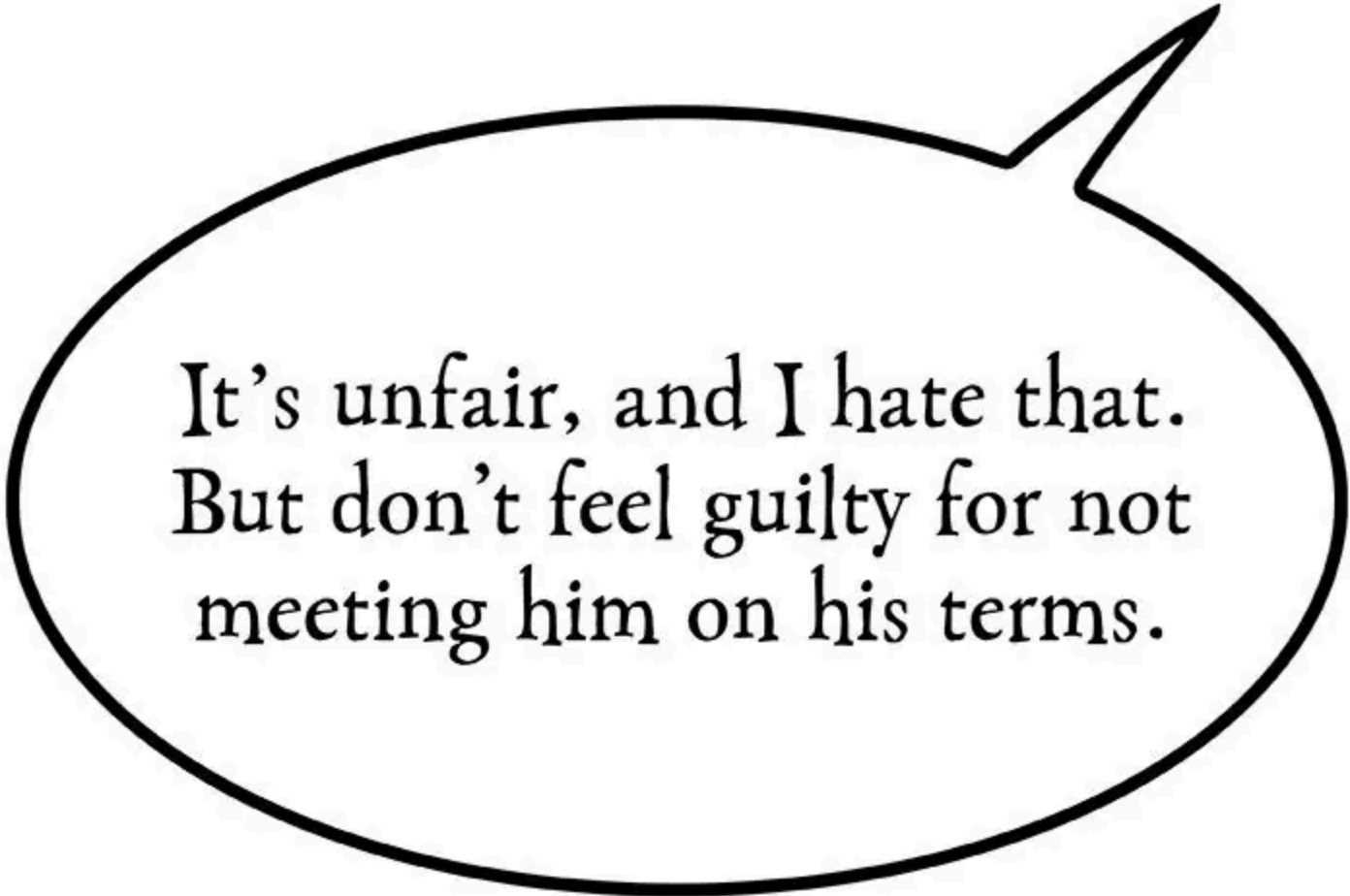




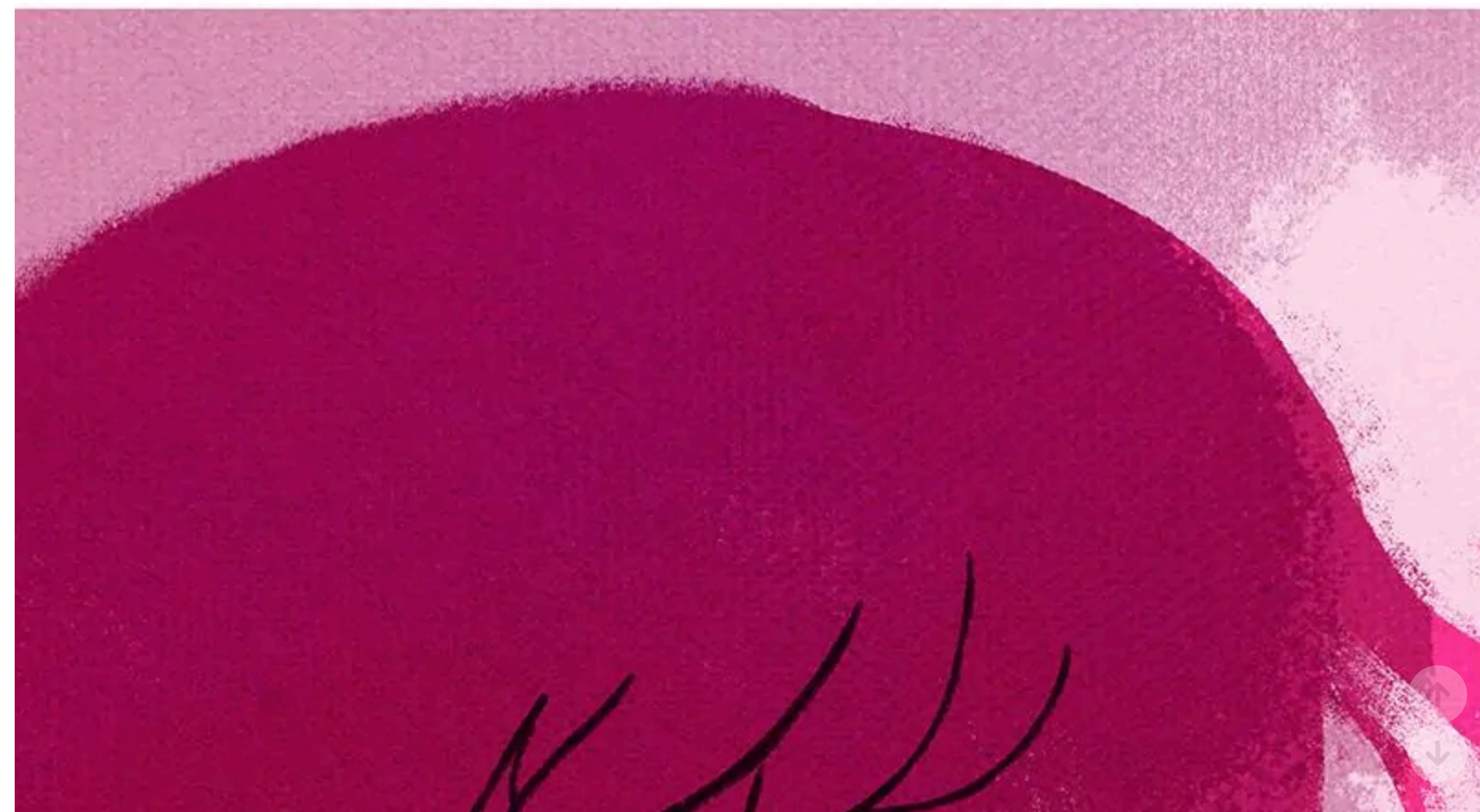
But he's made it
impossible for you.







It's unfair, and I hate that.
But don't feel guilty for not
meeting him on his terms.





Can I suggest a
compromise?





I'll conference you in,
and if you hate it, you
can hang up whenever
you like.







I promise I'll be a

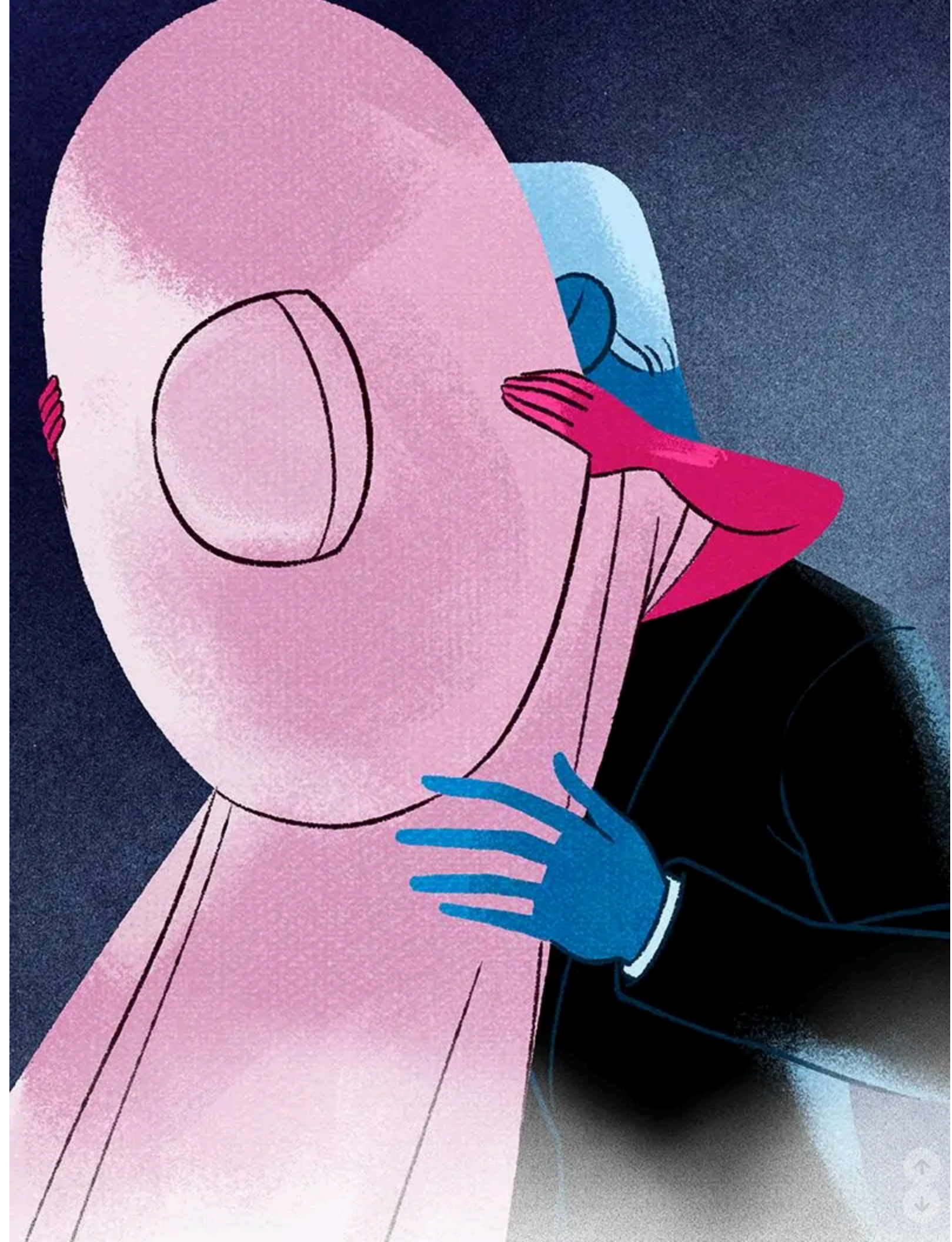
I promise I'll be a
good queen.



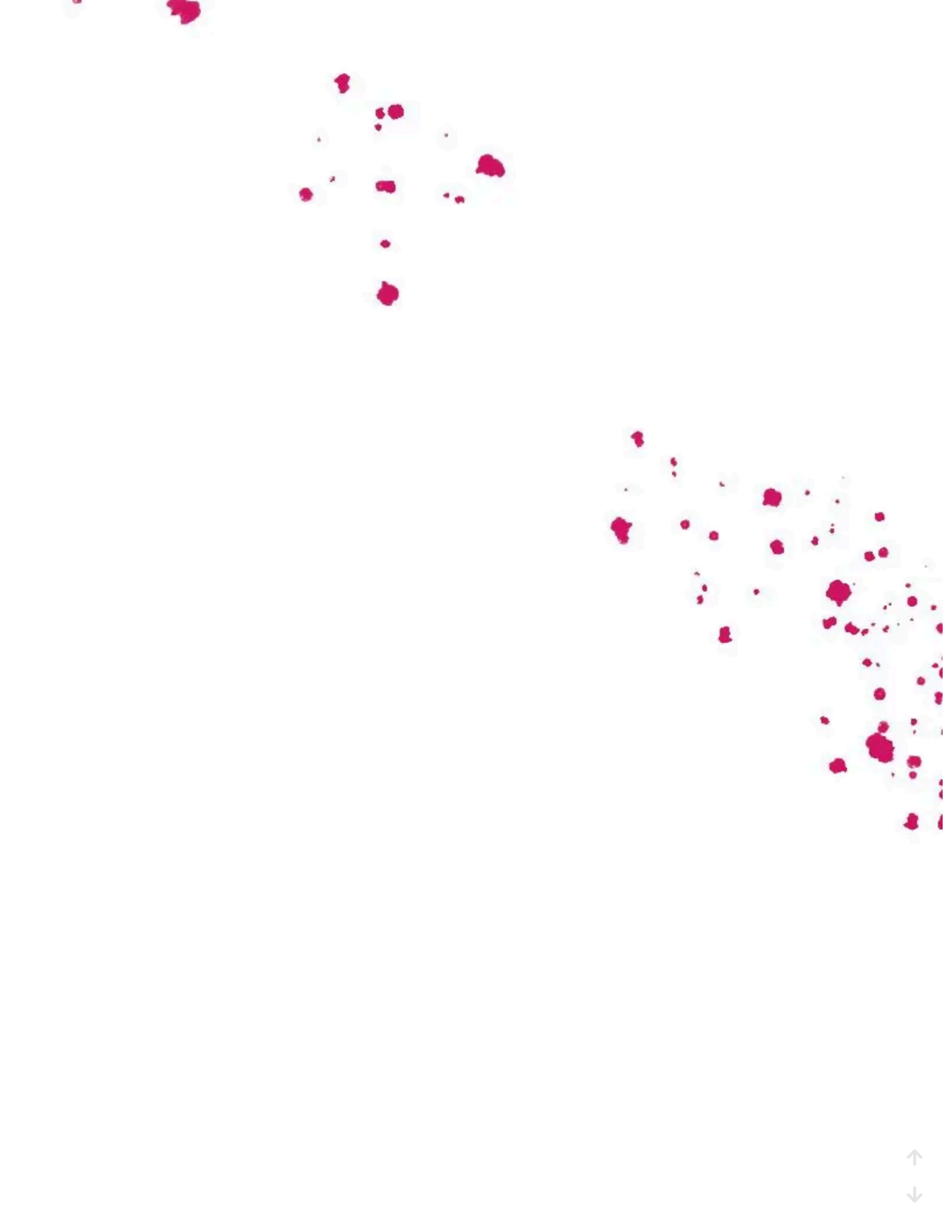
You're an excellent
queen!!!



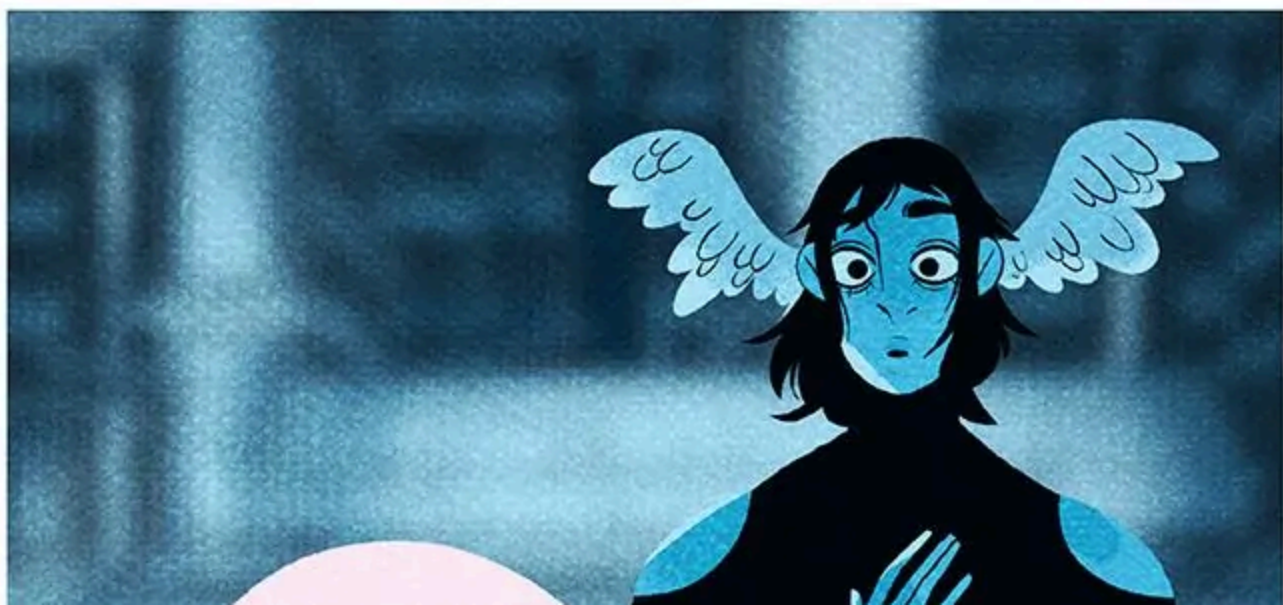








OKAY! Here are some
ground rules.





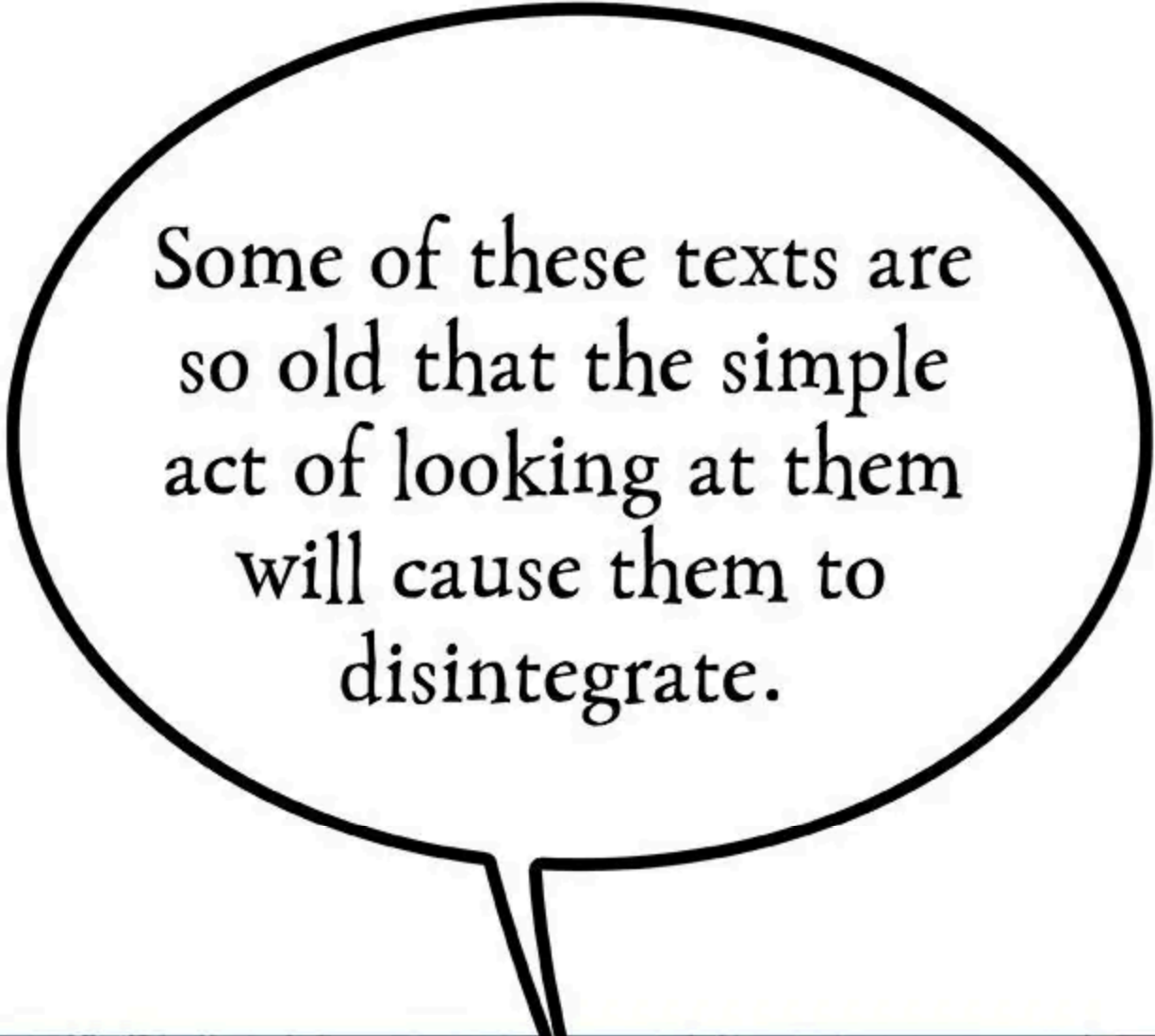
This is my private library.
You will *forget* its location
after today. If anyone asks
you about Hecate's private
library, you say:

library, you say.



*I have no idea; I
didn't even know
Hecate liked to read.*






Some of these texts are
so old that the simple
act of looking at them
will cause them to
disintegrate.



And I don't need
every Ares, Hermes,
and whomever else
in here mishandling
my goodies.







Now, you two go get set up,
and I'll bring over some
key texts.



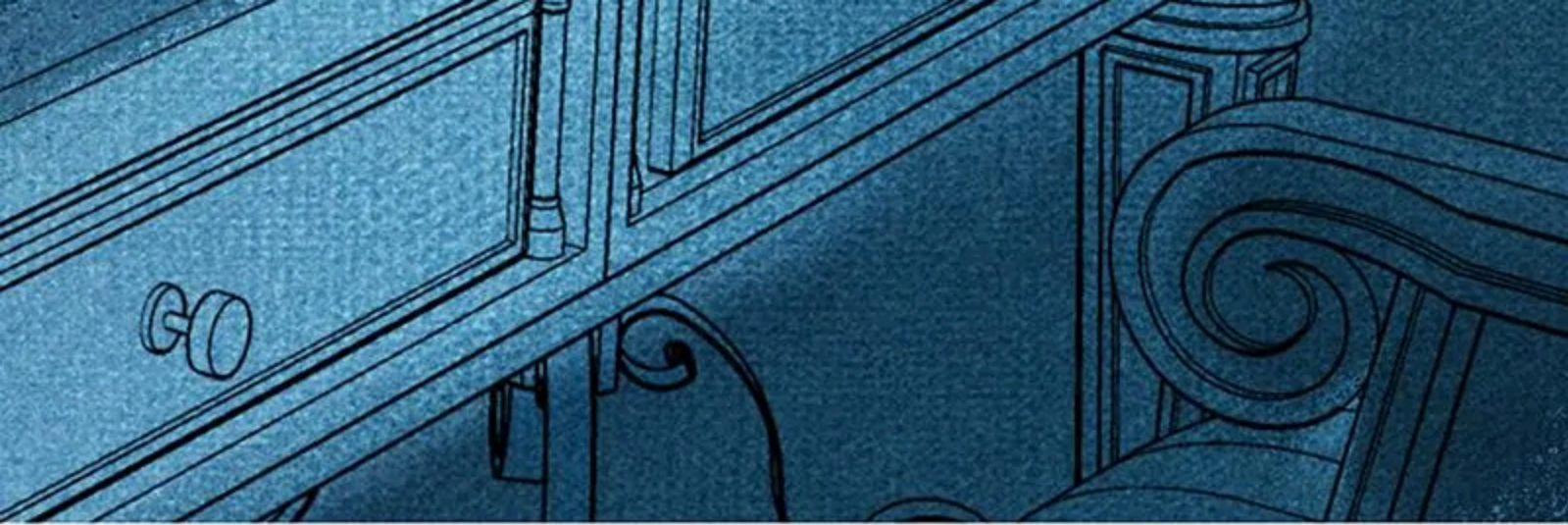






CLICK





I didn't get a chance to
check in with you. How
are you feeling after the
other day?



I hope you had a
chance to rest
properly.





I-I did, thank you.



I messed up with that
sleep dive so badly, and
they both got hurt.



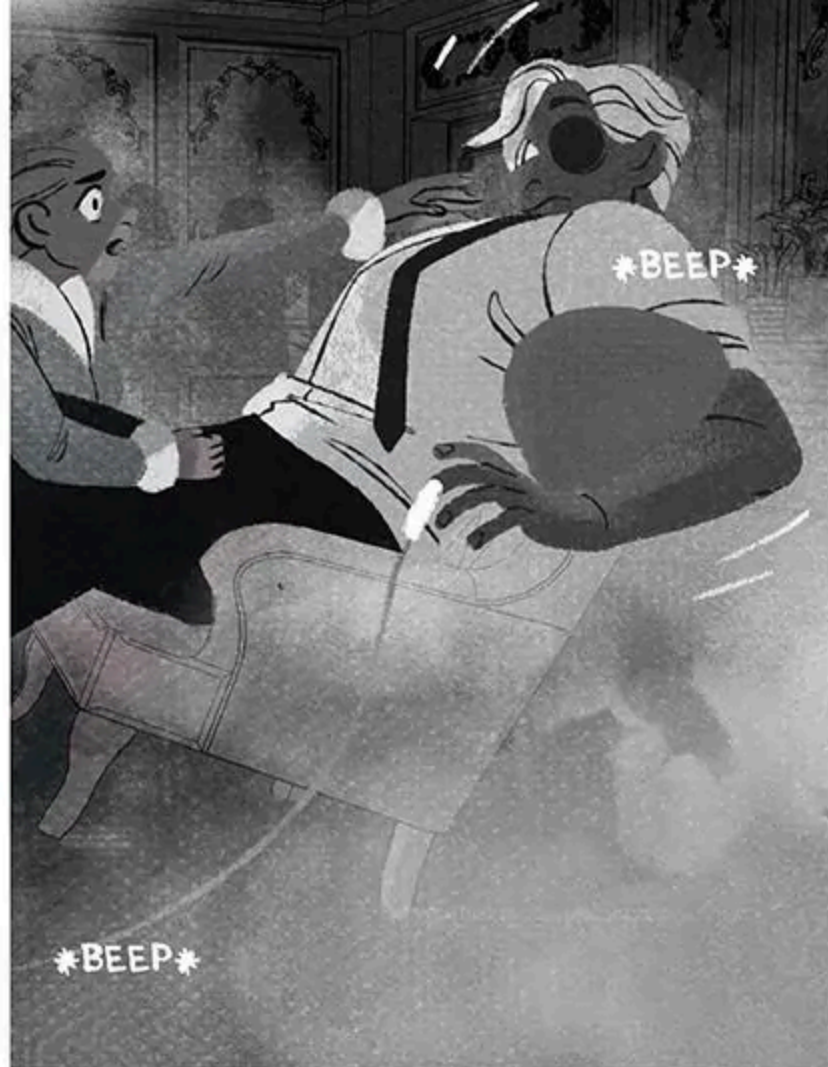
Everyone has put so
much trust in me. What
if I fail again?

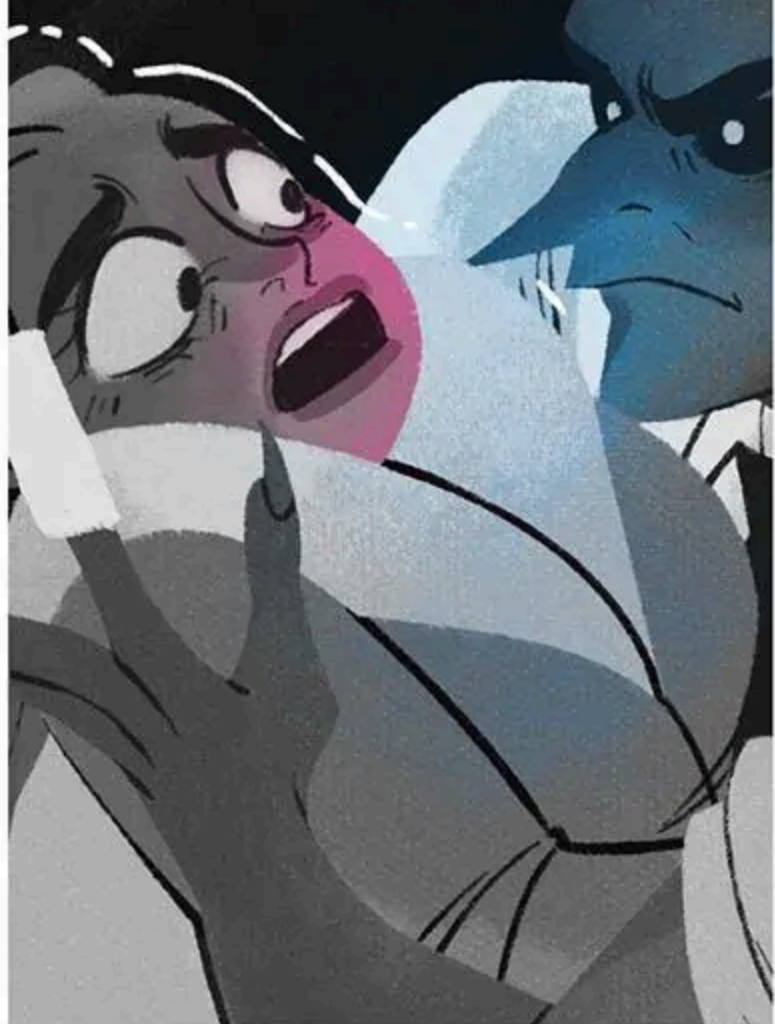




What if I hurt
someone else?







CRASH



I'm back!
I got what we need!





We're looking for location spells, location charms, location ruins, location incantations, trackers, seekers, and

anything you think
can help us track
down Erebos.





We're going to
need something
extra special.





I'm going to patch
into the meeting,
if that's okay?





First, you don't need to

ask for my permission to
do anything.



Second, *no judgment*,
but did you wear a nightie
to work?



I accessorized with
a giant hat, so that
makes it okay.





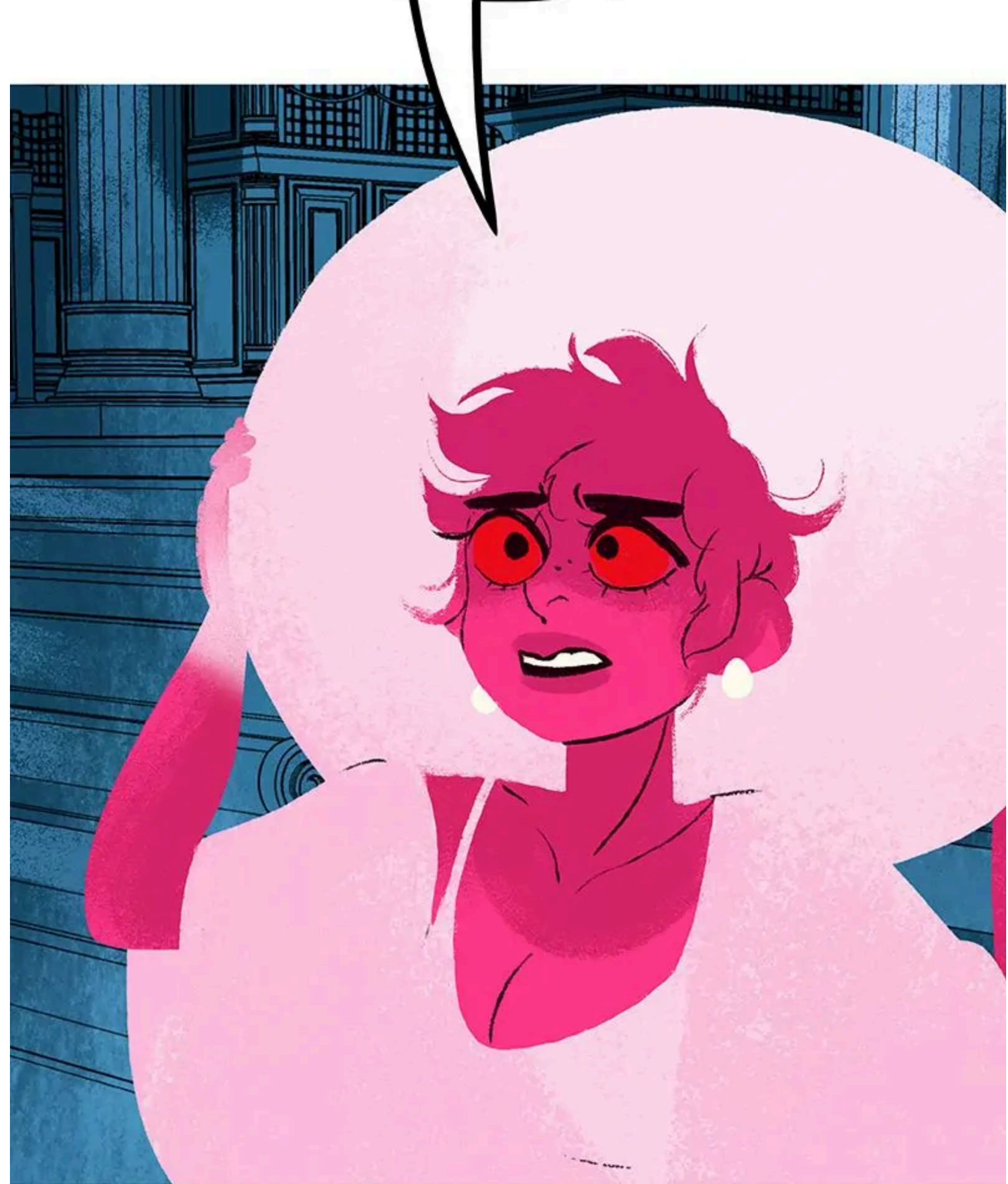
Third, could we listen
in? I am fiendishly
nosy

and constantly
looking for my
fly-on-the-wall
moment.





Wait, isn't that unethical?



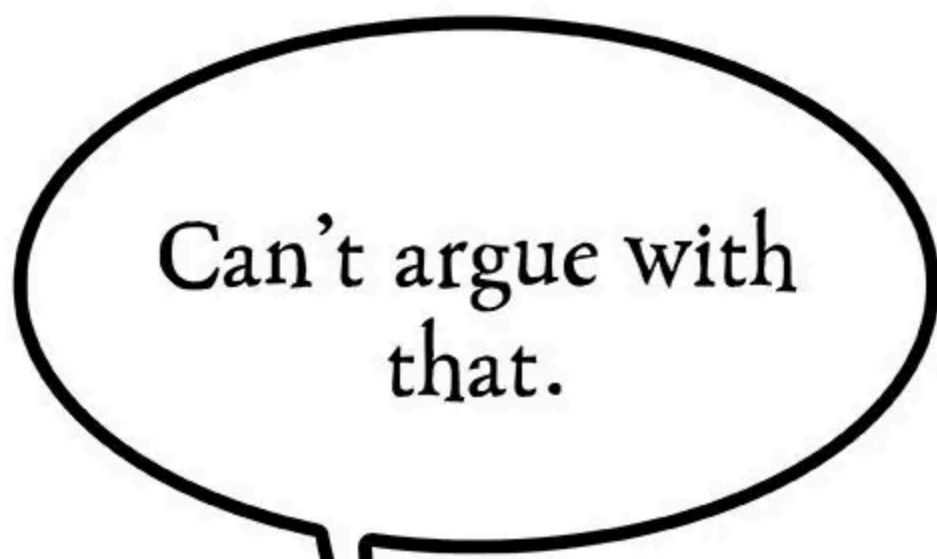
Or is it ambient
noise to help us work
productively?



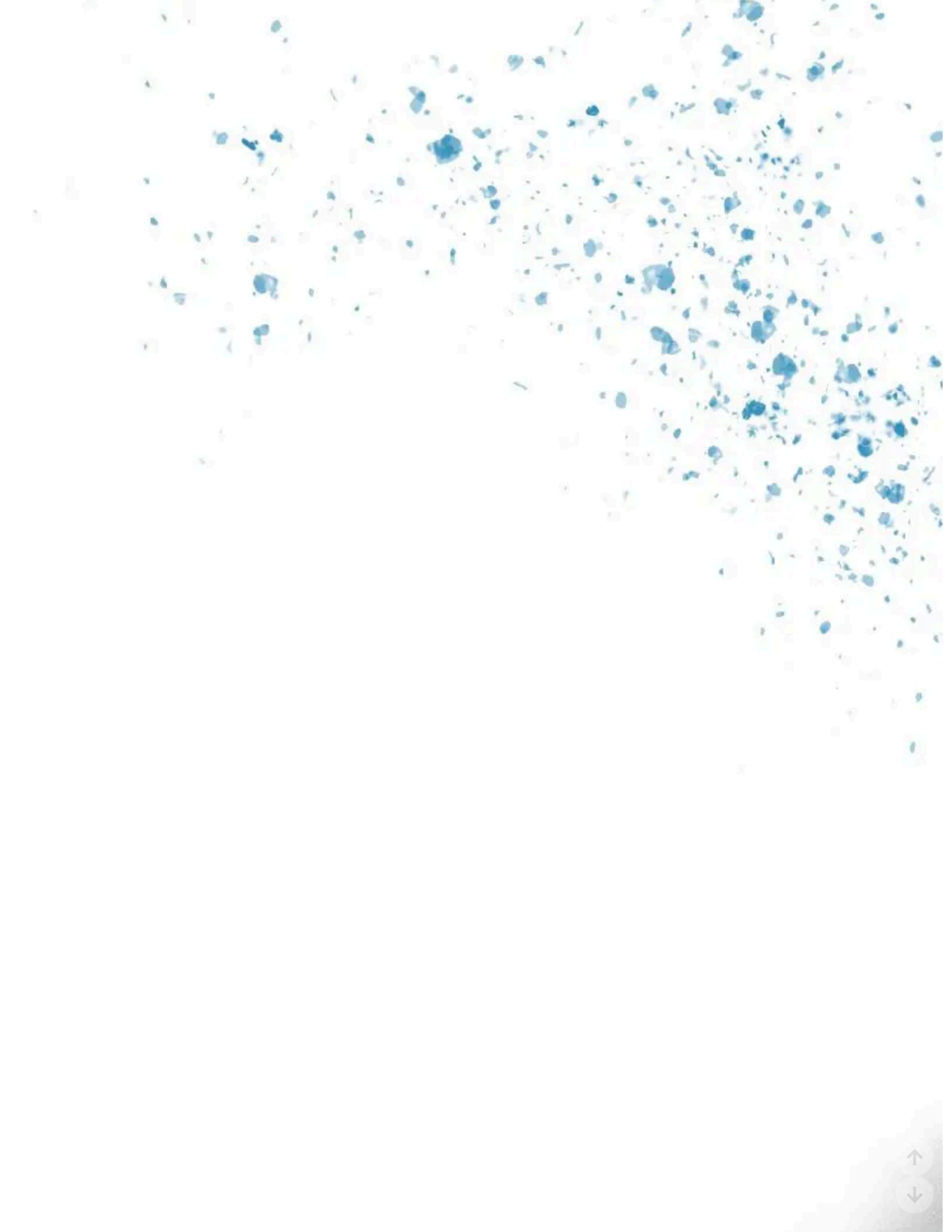


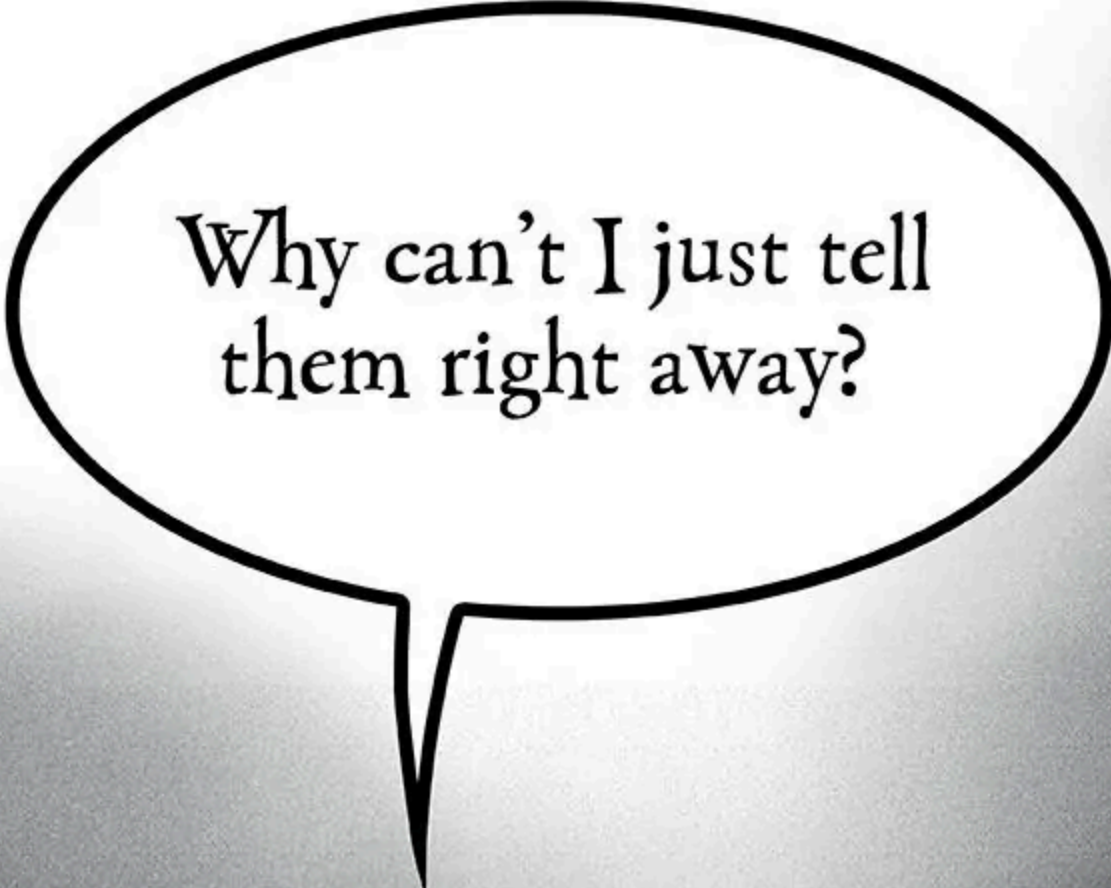


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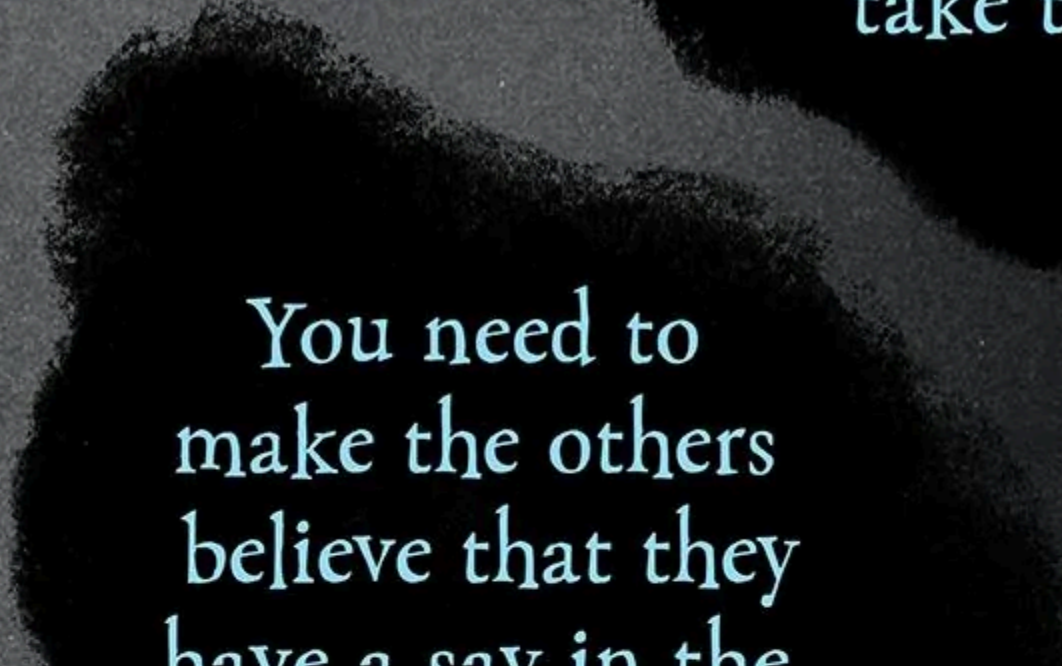




Why can't I just tell
them right away?



These things
take time.



You need to
make the others
believe that they
have a say in the



have a say in the
matter.





Your Majesty,
it's t-time for the
meeting.







Go announce me.





It's just that Zeus didn't
really do that.

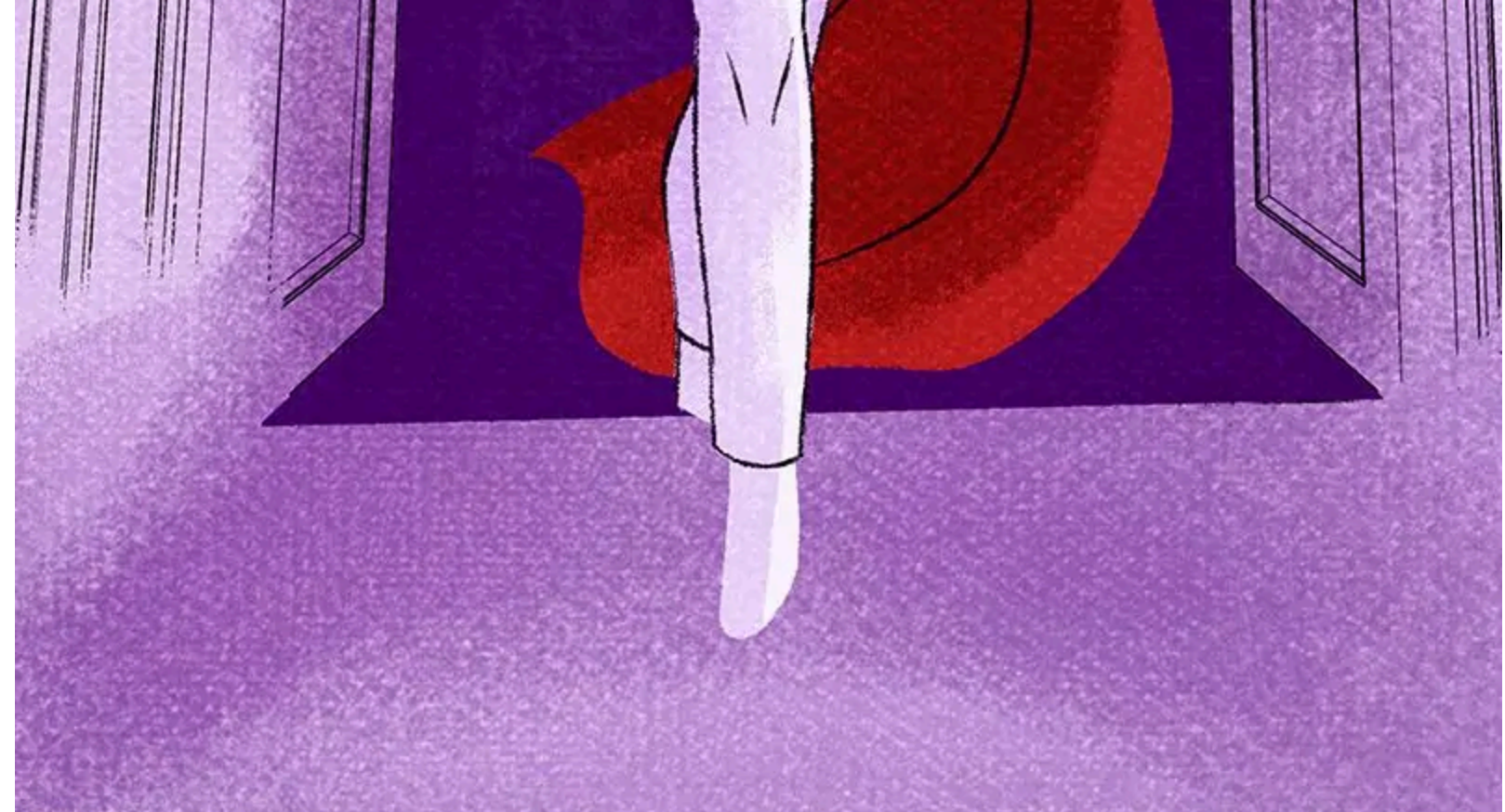






Announcing His Royal
Majesty, Apollo.





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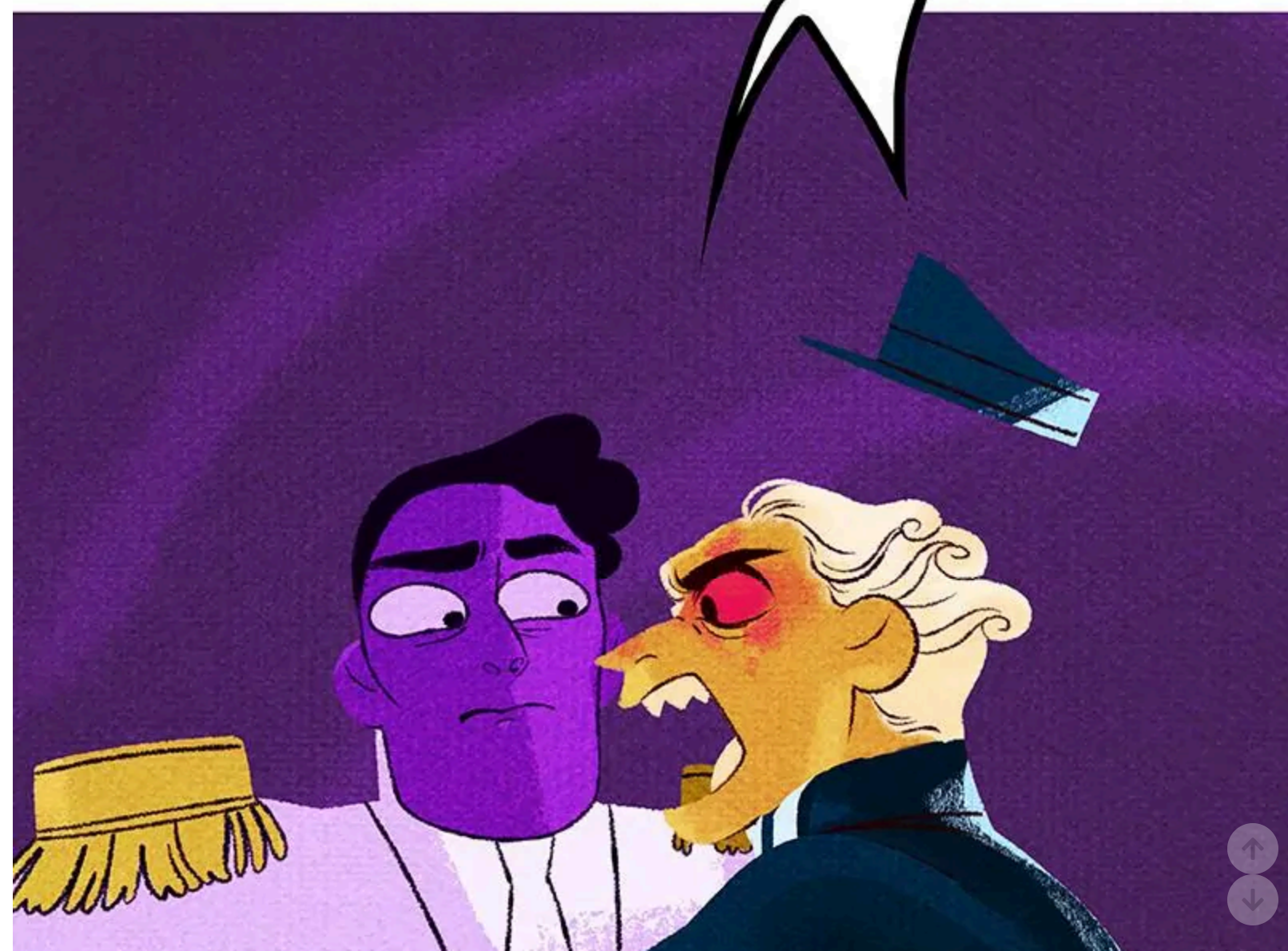
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Where the fuck is my
little sister!





MY BABY SISTER IS
AN ANGEL!!!





I HAVE NO IDEA! BUT
HER BEHAVIOR SEEMS
SUSPICIOUS TO ME!

Ares, I know you're
deeply upset, but this
isn't how we conduct
ourselves.





Are you sure
about that?


Can one of you please
help me!?





SNORT
Nope.





Okay, okay, you've made your
point, big fella.



Hermes, *cough* what
are you doing here?
This is a *leadership*
meeting.





Au contraire, mon frère. I
have a communication from
the princess of Olympus.





“Dear Brother, you’re embarrassing me. I’ve sent Hermes in my place.”







I'll allow it.



I'm alone here



Where is Hera?

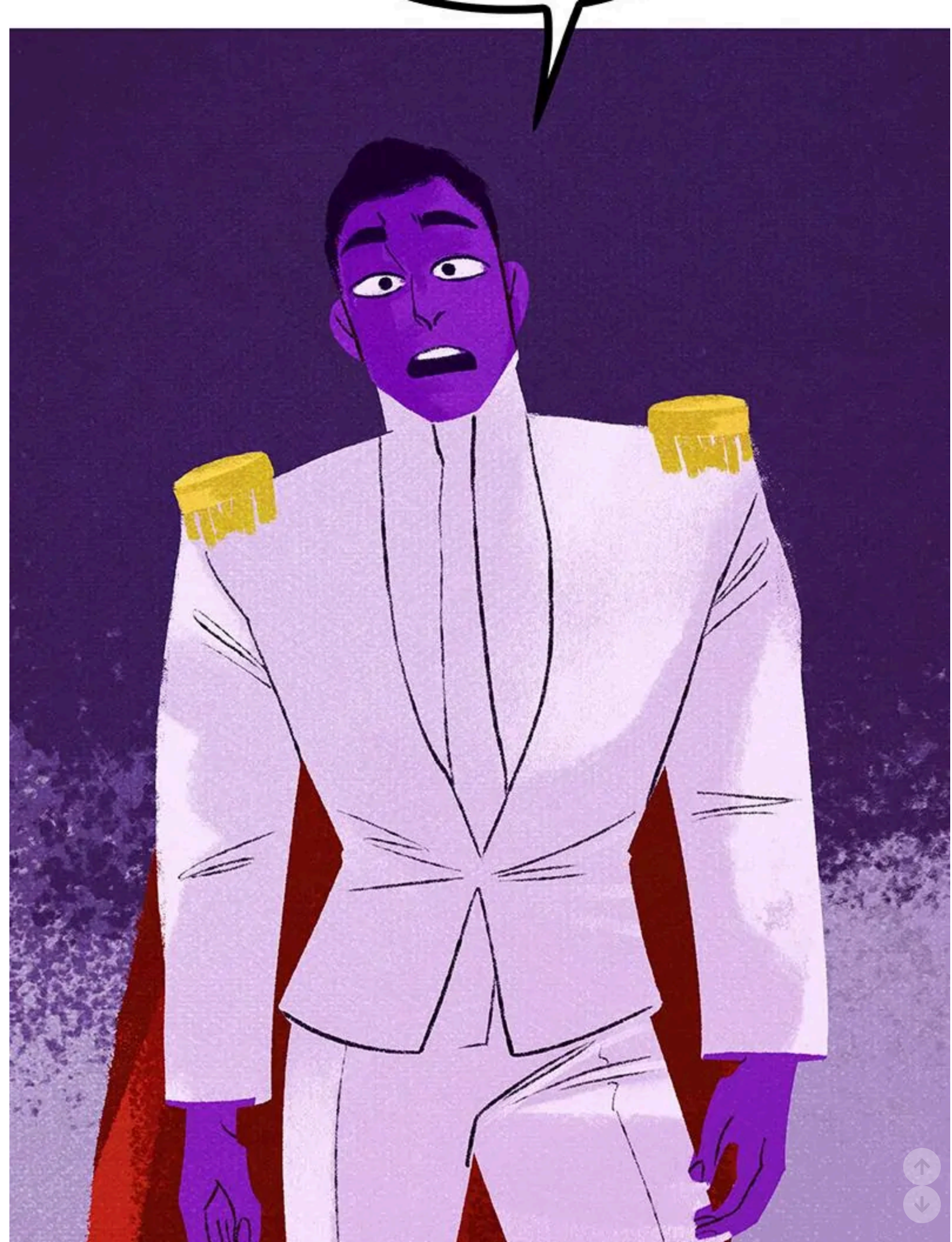



She's been struggling with her health lately and had a bad flare up last night.





I was expecting
Persephone.





She's busy. Not that I would expect you to understand the complexities of running the Underworld.





I was hoping to address
Persephone's latest blunder and
create steps to manage her.



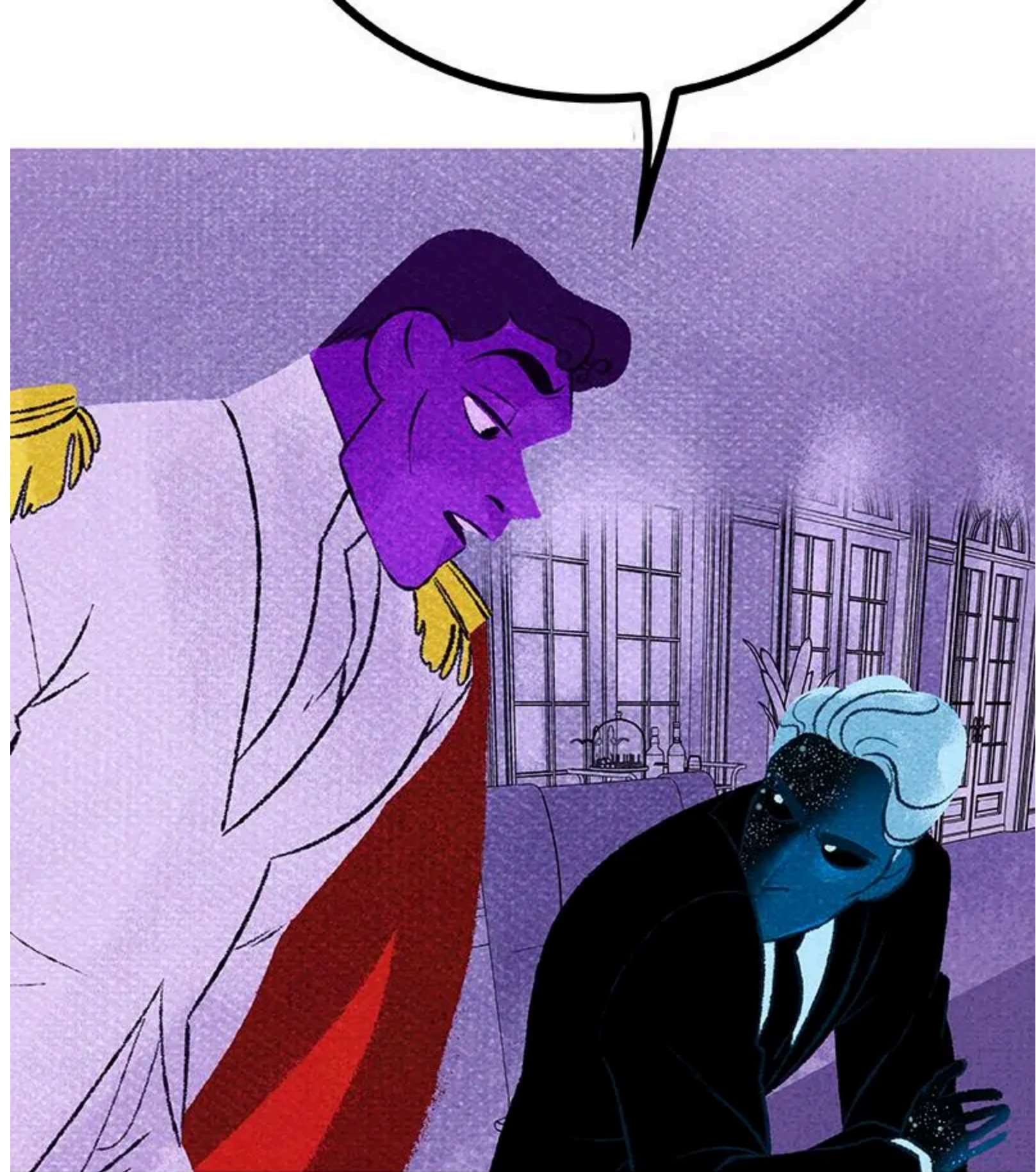


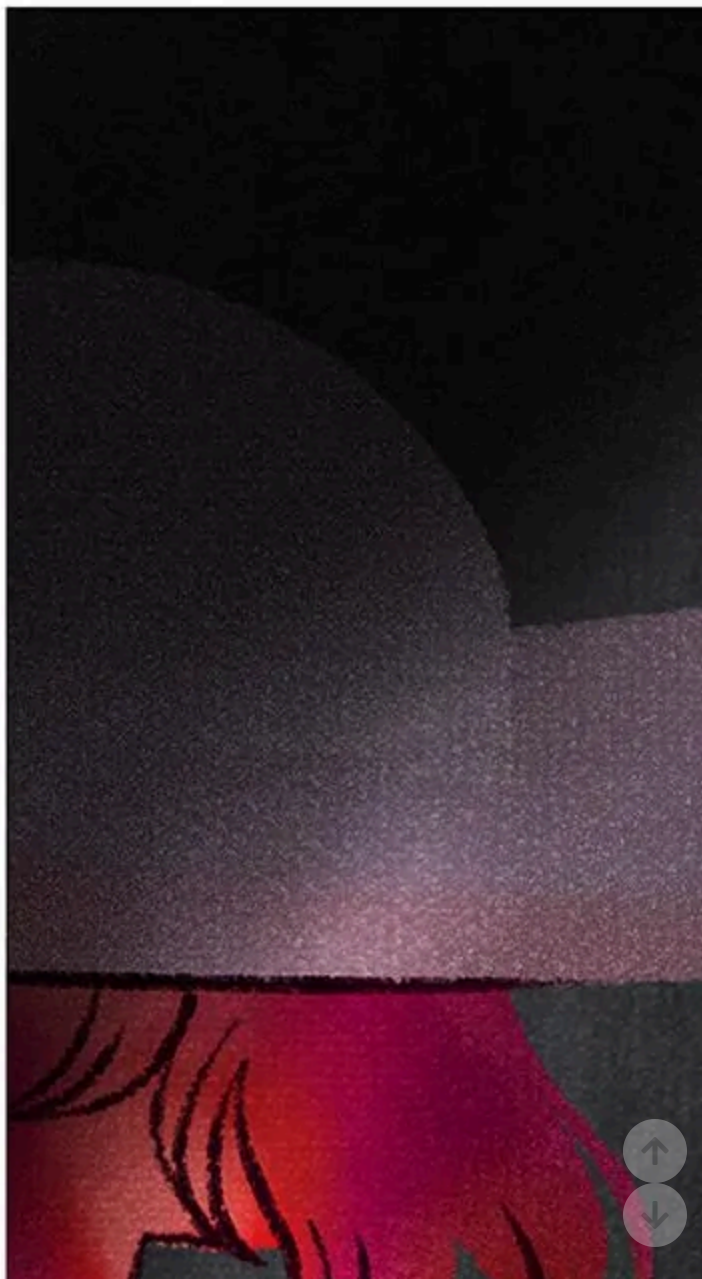
You don't have
the authority.





Hello, Persephone.
Hiding in the Underworld
again?








Don't-









ever speak
to Persenphone.



to telephone.







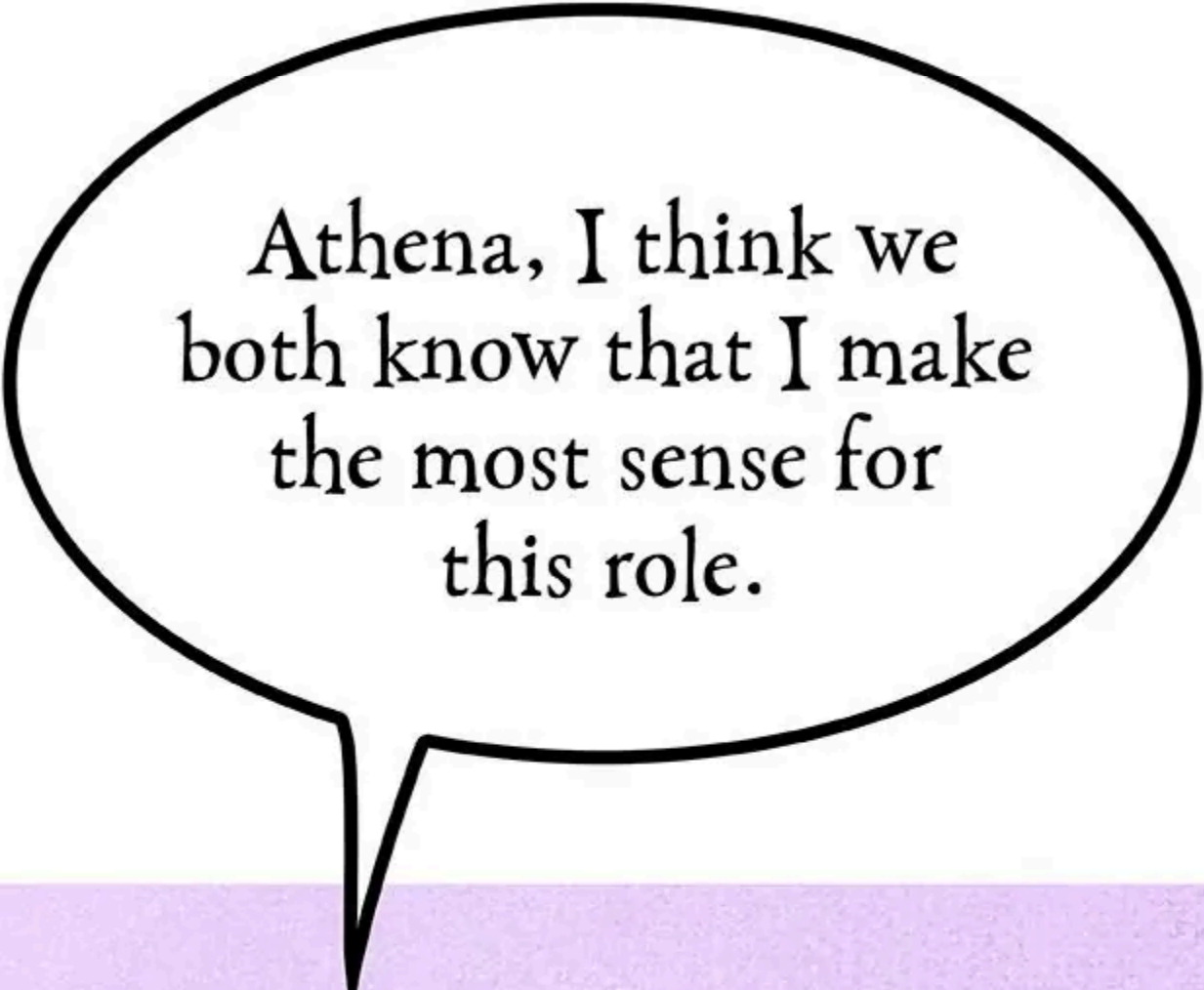




On that note, you
can't just appoint yourself
king because you found Zeus
in a coma.







Athena, I think we
both know that I make
the most sense for
this role.





Apollo, we still have a
queen.





That is constantly
incapacitated.







Regardless, that doesn't give
you license to declare the role
for yourself.



We need to talk
about Zeus.







Apollo, you seem a little too
comfy with the theory that
Hebe was behind this.

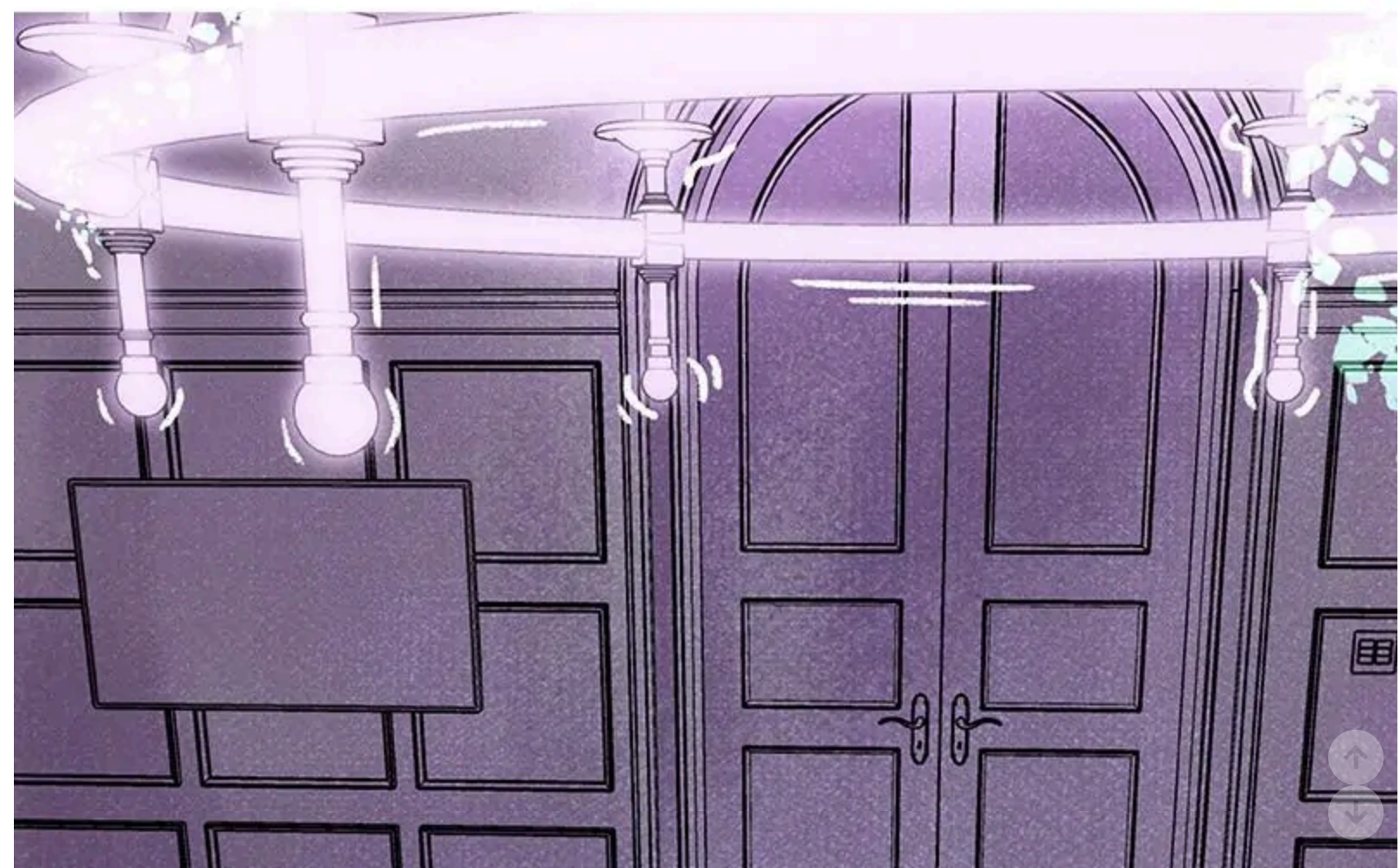




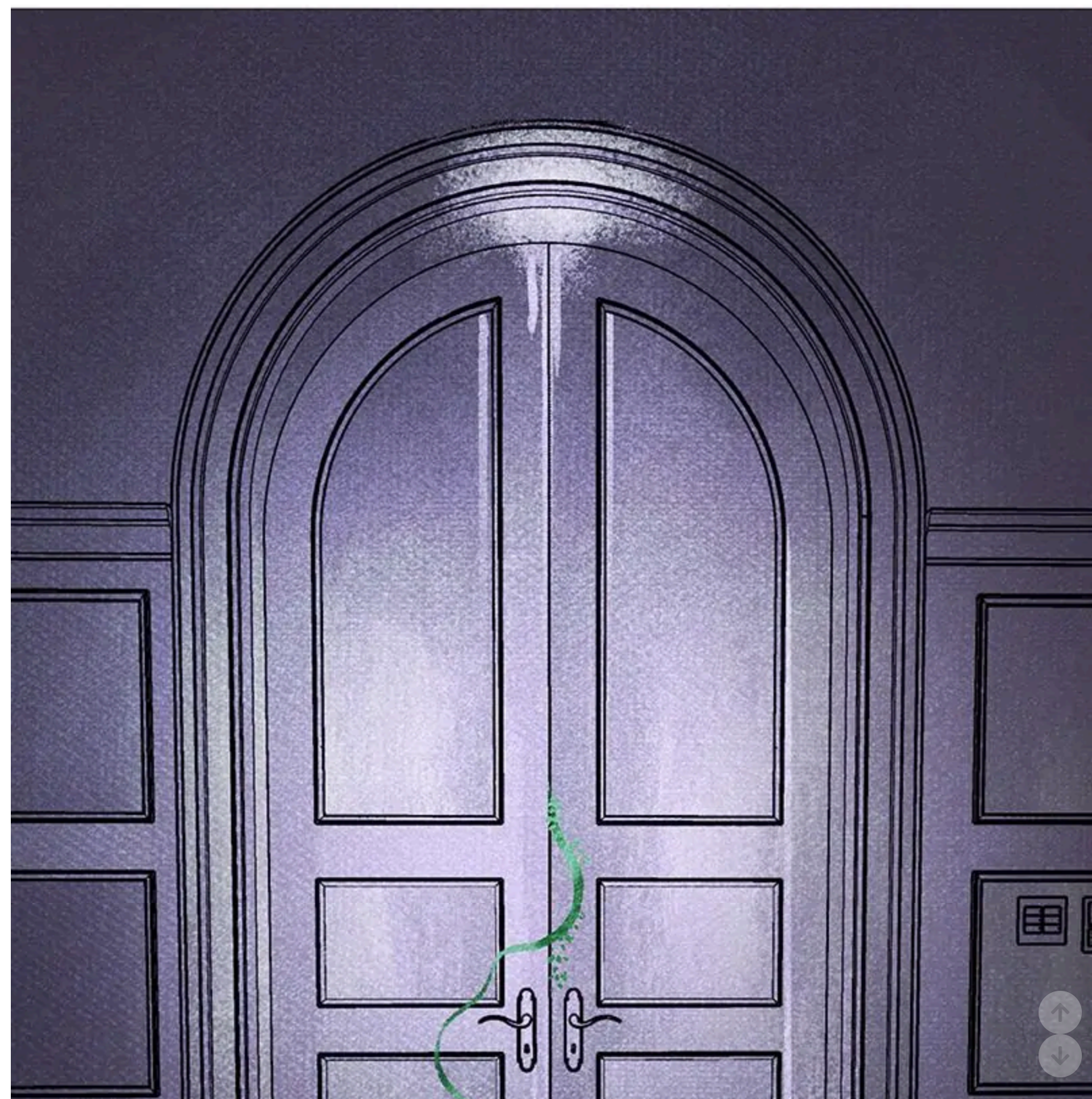
Yeah, this could
work

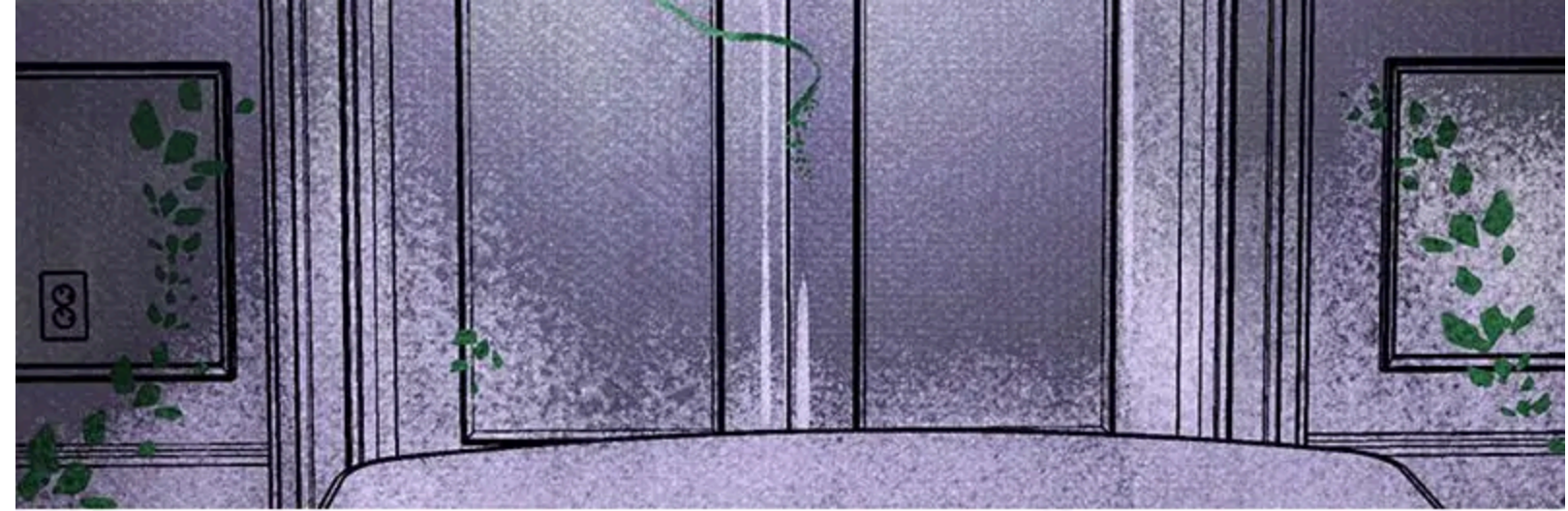


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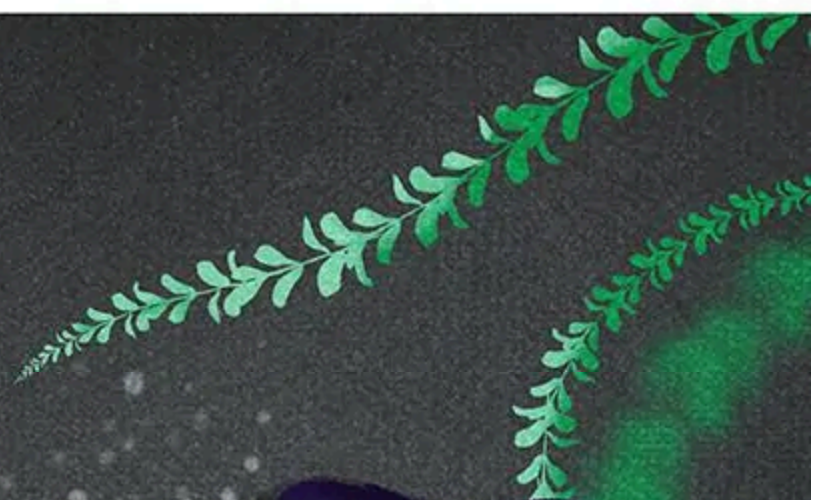




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The
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